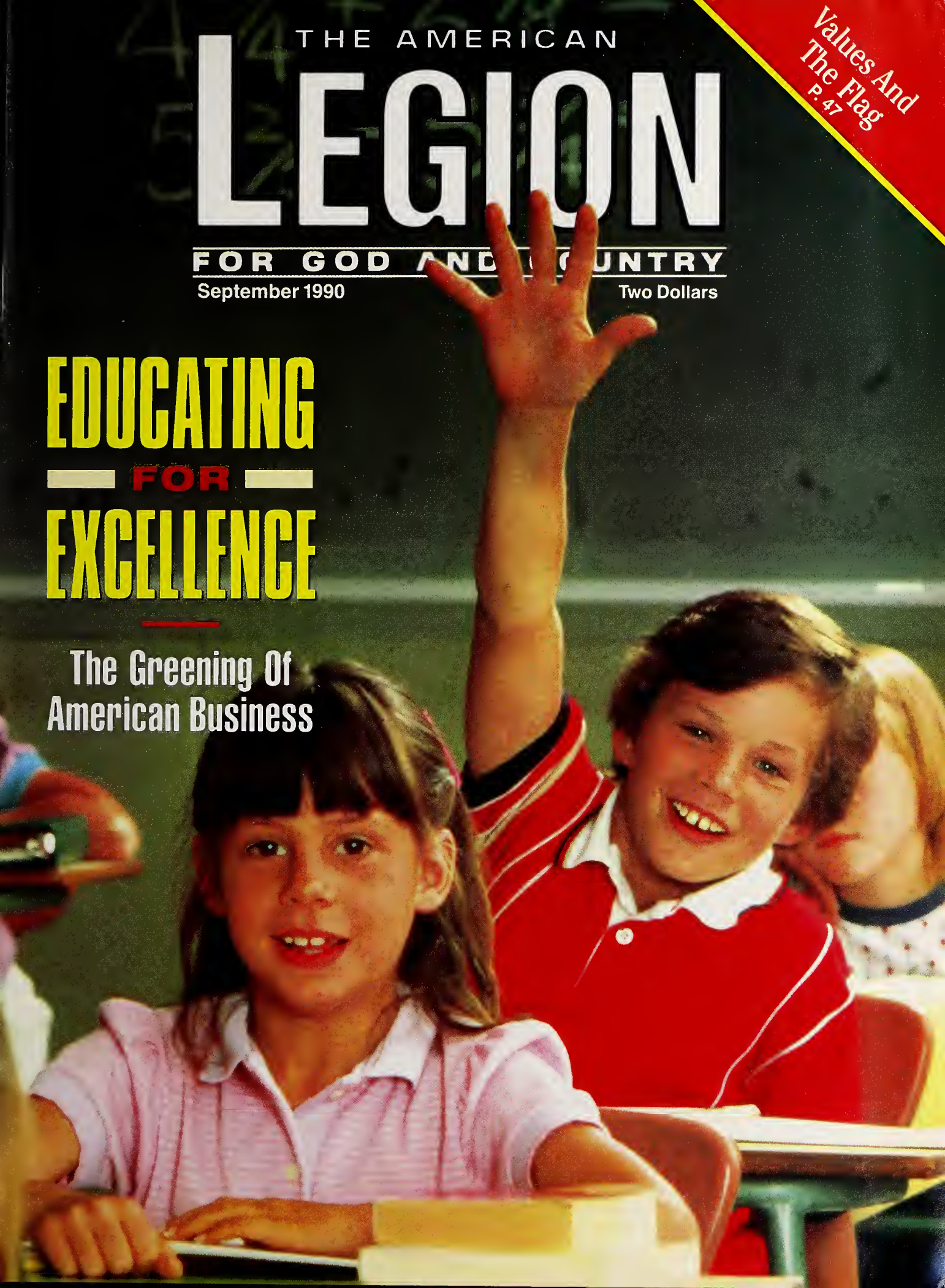
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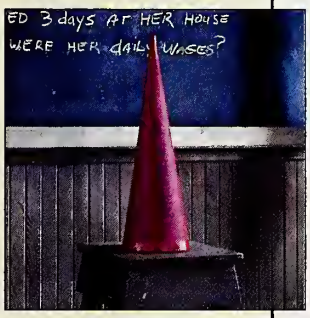
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Charles Deczynski
Jamesburg, N.J.

Farm Facts

I read with chagrin your article "A Tough Row To Hoe But Improving" (June). The American farmer is having a tough time. True, a lot of money goes into agriculture, but the amount spent in subsidies is about $50 per American, the lowest food price in the world. Farmers are a small minority in the United States, and many city dwellers have no idea how their food gets to their stores. Agriculture is not an essential industry—it's the only essential industry.

Carl Hovermale
Poplarville, Miss.

We're Busted

The commentary in "Democracy: A Blue-Chip Investment" (May) by Ronald J. Getz makes the mistake common among many present-day pundits. First and foremost, we don't have any money to invest in newly hatched democracies emerging in Eastern Europe. The greatest gift we can give is an example of a functioning, viable democracy—our own. I just hope they don't look too closely at the mess we often make of this beautiful concept.

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Two articles that appeared in the June issue about Social Security, "Washington's Dirty Little Secret" and "Is Your Pension Safe?" have a common solution. Pension programs present a double standard in that everyone cannot participate and benefit from them; however, everyone must contribute to support them. All pension plans should be treated the same as any other annuity. Contributions to these plans should not be a negotiable item between two parties and funded at the expense of others.

The Social Security debacle has a solution, too. Collected taxes should go nowhere else but into a trust where withdrawal cannot be made for anything other than that for which it was intended. This should be managed by a non-government authority. The amount collected would meet longterm Social Security needs and assure future generations of the system's integrity.

Eli Sironen
Ewen, Mich.

Evading Truth

Timothy Stanley's article (June), "Defense: The Pentagon's Perestroika," was an example of how economists approach national defense—ignore history and good research. This is most evident in his comments about nuclear weapons and nuclear research. First, Mr. Stanley ignores the fact that the Soviet Union, throughout its existence, has broken every treaty it has signed.

Next, he would have us abandon the Strategic Defense Initiative and limit it only to research and development. SDI should be deployed, and the sooner the better. A point I have pondered for quite a while is why don't the "no nukes" people push for SDI, a non-nuclear defense against nuclear weapons?

Richard G. Smith
Marietta, Ohio

Widows' Needs

As the recent widow of a disabled World War II veteran, I find it strange that the VA denies me survivor benefits and expects me to exist on Social Security. I would like to point out that Social Security amounts to much less than poverty-level income and those who receive welfare. My husband believed all the phony arguments that the government would take care of him and me if needed. He must be turning over in his grave.

Mrs. L. Beaulieu
Hicksville, N.Y.

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THE American family farm is doomed, according to almost all who responded to a question in the June issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. In conjunction with an interview with Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter, we asked readers to respond to the question: Based on your experiences, do you believe the American family farm will be able to survive beyond the next decade?

Citing financial hardships and restraining government policies, respondents frequently predicted the demise of the U.S. family farm within the next 10 years. Many stated that government-controlled, low farm-product prices contribute to the disappearance of U.S. family farms. Others blamed large corporate farms and foreign investors for eliminating family farms and lack of competition in the international marketplace was another reason cited by respondents.

Some stated that the farm subsidy program has been the primary reason many family farms have not been successful. However, others claimed that government subsidies have been the only way family farmers have been able to survive.

The responses are excerpted below.

The American farmer is not the most efficient in the world. If it wasn't for his $100,000 tractor and $150,000 combine, he would be dead last. The only way that the family farm is going to survive is if half of the family seeks off-farm employment. There is no way a family farmer can pay the high cost of today's equipment and continue to accept the depressed prices and stay in business.

In order for the family farm to survive, consolidation has to stop. Otherwise, we will end up with mega-farms, not family operations. We need legislation that will help only the small farmers with 500 acres or less. Otherwise, the family farm is doomed, and cheap food will be a thing of the past.

Richard Graf
Heyburn, Idaho

Farmers represent less than 3 percent of the population, yet they have one of the strongest lobbies going. Generally, because of ignorance or perhaps nostalgia for the family farm, ridiculous farm programs often make unethical farmers into millionaires, and stress or break the rest. Imagine, Willie Nelson is still having Farm Aid concerts during one of the richest periods in the history of our farmers, with about half of this high farm income from our "farm welfare" dollars, not farm products.

The standard joke around here is: Did you hear about the farmer who figured out how to double his income? He put in a second mailbox.

Glenn Thompson
Holdrege, Neb.

It will be very difficult for the family farmer to survive because of the present agricultural policies. These policies are a bureaucratic sham. Much of the money is not going to the real farmers but to the large agribusiness farms owned by large corporations, investors and foreigners.

Anyone who has any pride and love for the land does not need government payments to protect and preserve this land. We do not believe in government control nor do we collect government payments.

The real problem is the price we farmers receive for our products. Most of the farmers' prices are set far below production costs. U.S. farmers subsidize the giant food industries, grain exporters and feed companies with low-cost products. Then the government, through the taxpayers, subsidizes the farmers. This is ridiculous. Prices should and must be set to include production costs plus a profit. With our produce selling at the 1940 and 1950 prices, it will be very difficult to survive. What other business could succeed under these conditions?

Food is the most essential product of any country. People all around the world, especially children, are dying every day because of malnutrition. Yet the United States is taking more and more land out of cultivation and tying the farmers' hands with more regulations, but we are importing more feed every year.

Our country's bureaucracy seems to be doing everything it can to destroy the family farmers.

Fred and Ted Bethmann
Belle, Mo.

I was born and raised on a wheat and cattle ranch after World War II. I went into farming for myself, and I can tell you, it was the hardest and lowest pay I received in my life. Now, I don't believe the average farmer can survive beyond the next decade unless the bureaucrats quit controlling the prices. Wheat was $3 a bushel in 1946 and it is about the same price today. How can a farmer keep going with escalating machinery costs, yet no increases in prices for products? The only way the family farmer has been able to keep going is to have a part-time job in town or have his wife working fulltime. So regardless of what the Secretary of Agriculture says, things have to change a lot more or it will be all corporate farming.

Hilbert A. Steyer
Apache Junction, Ariz.

I, as a producer, find it hard to swallow all the folderol about "competing in the international marketplace." Compete? I, as a producer, have never felt I compete against my neighbor at selling anything—not to mention against water buffalo farmers from another country. In reality, my competition is the guy I buy my truck and machinery parts from, the guy I pay interest to, and the fella who sells me "stayed-with-inflation" insurance.

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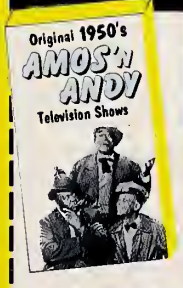
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OPINIONS

If my neighbor was getting $6 per bushel for his commodity, I'd want at least that for mine. I'd never be happy to settle for $3. And if U.S. farmers heard that Australian farmers were getting $6 per bushel for their wheat, don't you think U.S. farmers would want the same? Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter believes we should undersell them. That's wrong! While he limbos (how low can we go?), we've got deficits here at home. Because of this sell-low attitude, I'm mad. When I see a 50-boxcar train roll down the tracks through my little country town, loaded with wheat or another commodity, there had better be some dollars come back into my community for that produce.

Neil L. Spaid
Blunt, S.D.

After World War II, I acquired a trade and worked at it for 30 years. During that time, I purchased 80 acres of farmland on terms. Upon the final payment, I took stock of the situation and found that far better farmers than I were going out of business. This was principally because of idiotic bureaucracy policies. I sold the property. I have since held the conviction that government promises were nothing but claptrap and propaganda. This was not what World War II was all about, was it?

Kenneth R. Dick
Chelan, Wash.

If the truth were told, a rarity at any level of government, the farm subsidy program is the major factor in the demise of the American family farm, not its savior. It is the corporate farm that benefits from the program. Corporate avarice is a fact of life.

Farm subsidy is a leftover hand from the New Deal with its very crooked deck of marked cards. It is long overdue for repeal, as is the removal of the government's nose from the farm and private sector. The New Deal program, which helped ease the anguish of the so-called Great Depression, has outlived its usefulness by half a century at least. But then, congressional avarice is also a fact of life.

The modern farmer is not the "hick" of the 1920s and 1930s. He is an educated producer of food, and he is completely capable of finding his own markets and setting prices for his products. We are in dire jeopardy of losing more than just the family farm if we do not get out of the international network of obligation that is now strangling us to death. We must once again become a constitutional republic of people devoted to the United States of America, not the rest of the world. Isolationism, perhaps. At least it would be several trillion dollars cheaper.

Donald E. Murphey
Big Spring, Texas

For more than 40 years, Congress and the international trade network have made the U.S. farmer subsidize the consumer. What they have done is hit the farmer in the stomach with a roundhouse punch, crack him over the head, and while he is out, take his wallet, remove his money, then drop a dollar on the floor and call it a subsidy.

Elmer R. Bailey
New Holland, Ohio

After observing the farm subsidies program through the years, I have the same opinion as many other taxpayers. The farmers—grain, beef, dairy and what have you—are nothing more or less than parasites on the back of American taxpayers. They are on welfare farms and could be considered charity cases. I get so tired of hearing farmers say they want to save the old homestead for their children and grandchildren because the farm has been in the same family for many years. I cannot fault them, but this family tradition should not be at the expense of the taxpayers, who get nothing in return except high prices at the supermarkets.

If the American farmer cannot make it on his own, he should take a long, hard look into the future. One day the cupboard will be bare. Do the farmers realize money doesn't come from money trees, but from already overtaxed taxpayers? Where is their pride?

As far as I'm concerned, farming isn't a business any longer; it is just fast becoming another segment of the ever-growing welfare system. Instead of holding out their hands, farmers should cope with their problems on their own.

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THERE'S MORE AT STAKE THAN A U.S. FLAG AMENDMENT

WHEN I sat down to write last month's message, I thought it was the last time I would have the chance to speak to you as National Commander. I was convinced I had said my goodbyes and expressed my thanks for your help during my watch. But I didn't know then what would take place to change all of that.

Recent events in the House of Representatives and Senate sent me back to the typewriter. Both houses blocked passage of a proposed constitutional amendment that would have made it illegal to physically desecrate the U.S. Flag. While the majority of the lawmakers voted in favor of the amendment, the measure failed to garner the necessary two-thirds vote for passage (see Congress' vote, page 48).

Shortly after the Senate vote, I heard one lawmaker who voted against the amendment say that the "Constitution had been saved" and that freedom of speech had been upheld.

That was just one of the few examples of gibberish that has been uttered by those who have opposed the amendment. How does a narrowly drawn amendment that merely prohibits the intentional destruction of our most visible national treasure violate a citizen's right to free speech or threaten a person's ability to express his political beliefs?

The debate over the amendment is no longer about protection of the U.S. Flag. It's an issue that concerns your rights and mine—the right to participate in our government. The Senate and House votes, in effect, said citizens shouldn't have the "burden" of deciding the future of our nation and its many issues.

I don't know about you, but when I studied U.S. history in school, I was always taught ours was a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." My teachers always told me that we were a nation where the majority ruled and had the most to say about any national concern. I guess in the words of Yogi Berra, "History ain't what it used to be."



Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling

LEGIONNAIRES, what once was a battle for an amendment to protect Old Glory has transcended into something far different and ominous. An extremely vocal and well-organized minority somehow have gained position among elected officials so that their views and agendas are heard better than those of most of us. Mainstream America no longer is heard by many on Capitol Hill.

As you read this, all of the 435 offices in the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election, and most incumbents are in the middle of their campaigns. I urge all Legion Posts to sponsor forums by which these incumbents and their challengers can state their position on the constitutional amendment. Even if your Post cannot arrange a forum, I call on each of you to attend town meetings or any other public gatherings where the candidates will appear.

The most important weapon in the battle to return the control of government to the people and protect the U.S. Flag is how well we get out the vote in the 1990 elections. The people of the United States—not the President, Supreme Court and Congress—should be the final arbiters of these issues. Legion Posts across the nation already are sponsoring a "Get Out The Vote" campaign, urging Legionnaires and other eligible voters to register and vote in the November elections. Legionnaires always have been active at the ballot box and this year their participation is even more critical.

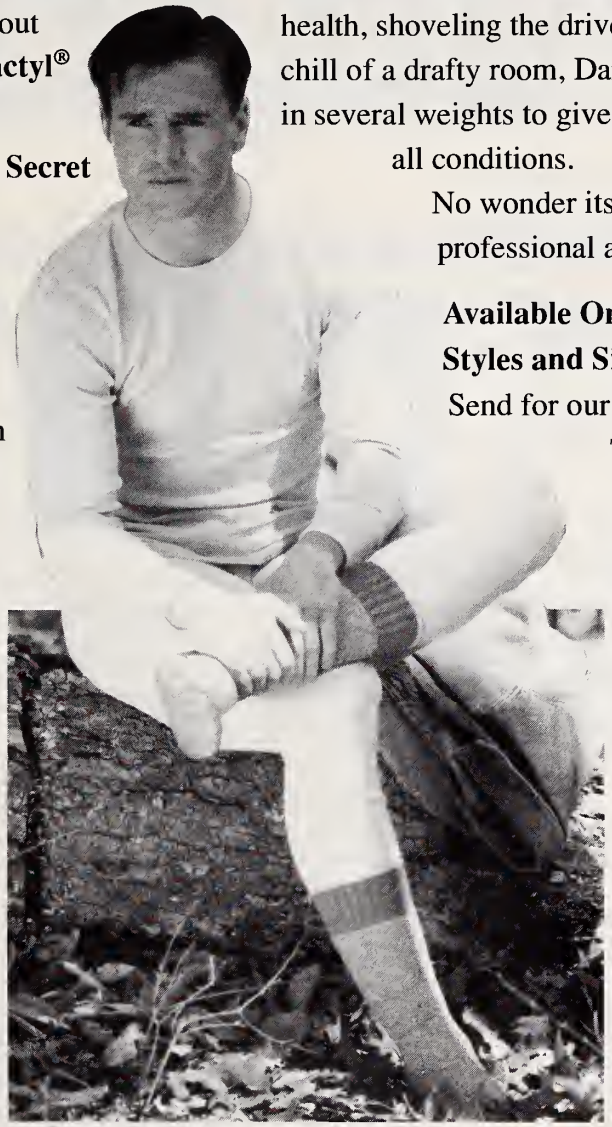
Several surveys have shown that voter turnout in off-year elections has steadily declined for the past 50 years. In such years, voter participation is less than 40 percent. Are Americans apathetic when it comes to visiting the ballot box? I'll leave that up to the pollsters and political pundits, but I truly believe that voters will turn out in full force when critical issues are to be decided.

I've traveled this country many times over in the last year; criss-crossed the highways and byways, visiting your Posts and communities—and I've heard you express how you feel about your flag. We're not alone in the struggle for the flag amendment and the quest to return the control of government to the people.

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SHOULD CONGRESS PASS MANDATED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE?

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YES A recent Gallup Poll found that 81 percent of all Americans believe government should ensure that families have the security of knowing that caring for their families will not jeopardize their economic well-being. The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) makes an investment in the future by setting a national minimum standard that allows parents to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave over a 24-month period upon the birth or adoption of a child or upon the serious illness of a child or parent. It also allows the same guarantee of job security, seniority and health benefits for any worker who needs leave to recover from a serious medical condition.

The costs of not having parental leave, in terms of parental stress, impaired childhood development, mother's lost wages and welfare costs are significant and far outweigh the costs of parental leave legislation. In its report on the FMLA, the Committee on Education and Labor found that the government has extensive and expensive social welfare programs to deal with major social concerns related to family problems. The committee believes that it is a "sound and cost-effective policy to address a significant cause of these problems rather than to solely address their effects." The cost to employers of providing leave is minimal. The General Accounting Office found that the cost of the FMLA is less than $4.50 a year per covered employee.

We have heard too many stories of workers who are fired when their employers refuse to provide an adequate leave of absence for family or medical reasons. In general, corporate America has not kept pace with the changing dynamics of work and family, and we are suffering because of it. It's time for our labor policies to catch up with family realities.

The best business policy understands the value of a long-term investment. Providing leave increases the likelihood that employees will remain with an employer and the retention of a loyal work force has been shown to result in productivity gains as well as savings on costs for recruiting, hiring and training replacement workers. The minimal short-term costs to employers of the bill will be more than offset in long-term benefits to employees, employers and families. The Family and Medical Leave Act is a sound investment in the future of American business and families. □

Rep. Cass Ballenger, R-North Carolina



NO The central problem with the Family and Medical Leave Act (H.R. 770) is a matter of policy. The federal government should not adopt a policy that mandates benefits for small businesses. Instead, it should leave these decisions to small businesses and their employees. I recognize the value of family and medical leave benefits. But I do not believe the government should mandate these benefits to the exclusion of benefits deemed more valuable by certain segments of the work force.

Under the bill, all companies that employ 50 or more people would have to allow either parent 12 weeks' leave so they can spend time with their newborn or adopted child or spend time with an ill child or parent.

According to the bill, the employer is required to hold open the employee's job until the employee decides to return. At no time, however, is the employee required to tell the employer when the employee plans to come back to work. Are employers supposed to hire a temporary employee for a week or two? Or do employers simply wait for the worker to return? In a worst case scenario, the worker could take a 12-week vacation and then quit. Meanwhile, the employer was left holding a position for that worker and must now find and train a new employee.

All companies put aside money for their benefit programs, such as a retirement plan, health insurance and life insurance. By forcing companies to provide a worker-leave program, we may also be forcing them to cut other benefits that their employees wanted. For example, most older workers obviously have no use for a parental-leave program. They would rather their employer provide an adequate retirement benefit plan.

I believe the federal government should continue to allow companies the opportunity to provide their workers with the benefits they desire.

The bottom line is that employers will look out for their workers. If they don't, they soon find that their best workers have been lost to their competitors. Therefore, I believe Congress should continue to encourage employers to provide their workers with leave benefits, as well as other benefits. However, I don't think Washington politicians and bureaucrats should be the ones to make that decision. □

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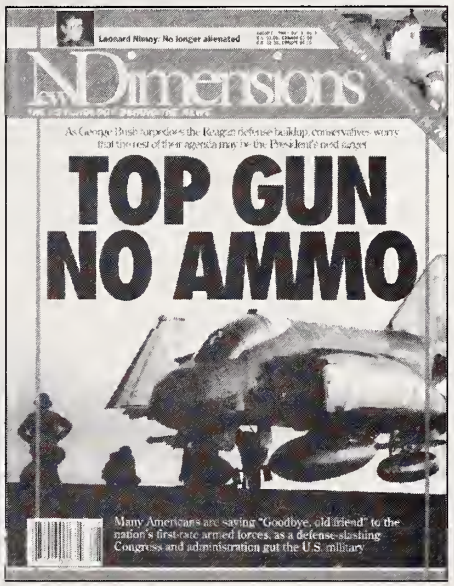
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The American Legion showed the way for other veterans' organizations when it was granted a federal charter in 1919.

ON SEPT. 16, 1919, a tired and ill President Woodrow Wilson gave life to a fledgling organization when he signed Public Law 47, 66th Congress, granting a federal charter to The American Legion. Wilson signed the bill aboard his presidential train while it was stopped near Hornbrook, Calif., en route from Portland to San Francisco. He was in the middle of an exhaustive nationwide tour, stumping for public support in his fight with Congress over the proposed League of Nations.

Ten days after he signed the Legion charter legislation Wilson suffered a stroke in Pueblo, Colo. Within a month, he was totally disabled and his dream for the league died in the Senate. But the Legion dream was alive.

Indeed, the infant American Legion was the first veterans' group to gain a federal charter. Given such recognition, the Legion began its existence in the forefront of the fight to secure better treatment for the returning World War I veterans. That commitment to veterans remains in place today. Thanks to the Legion's example, more than one dozen veteran groups subsequently requested and were granted charters.

"The fact we were the first to get a charter shows the special relationship between Congress and the Legion," said Charles Pesso, chairman of the Legislative Commission. "When you look at the charter, one thing that stands out is our obligation to be non-political."

The Legion's charter accomplished several goals organizers set out to achieve at the Paris and St. Louis caucuses. The founders' first priority was to establish the Legion as a legal, non-profit corporation; to enable it to sue and be sued in court; to hold land in the name of an international network of Posts that in time would number more than 16,000 worldwide; and required the leadership to make an annual report of its finances and activities to Congress. Of equal importance were provisions allowing The American Legion sole use of its name and clearing the way for patent protection of the group's distinctive emblem. It established membership qualifications that were amended on separate occasions to include service in World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.



BETTMAN ARCHIVE

NEW LIFE—*President Woodrow Wilson signed the bill that granted the charter for the fledgling Legion.*

The charter also set down the founders' intention that the Legion serve veterans as a non-partisan advocate, though a congressional wordsmith changed the term from non-partisan to non-political. "The Legion's guiding motto has been policies, not politics," Pesso said.

There was, naturally, haggling about the language and intent during floor debate about granting a federal charter to a veterans' organization. On Aug. 20, 1919, for example, lawmakers questioned the need to charter a specific veterans' group, and some preferred instead to allow the 4.5 million World War I veterans to seek state charters.

Rep. Thaddeus Caraway of Arkansas voted for the final bill but objected to the idea on philosophical grounds.

"I think it is a mistake to incorporate political parties, religious associations, and patriotic or social societies," he said.

Rep. Dick Thompson Morgan of Oklahoma was not as wary as his neighbor from Arkansas. He believed the Legion's goals and national scope warranted special consideration. "While Congress has been loathe to grant special charters, it is believed that this should be an exception to the rule," Morgan wrote in his report, recommending passage of the bill.

The charter bill was introduced in the House and Senate on June 27, 1919. It made its way through committee during the summer, and by early September both houses approved the measure. President Wilson and his party were aboard his private railcar when the bill was brought to him for his signature. Members of Post 122 of Yreka, Calif., later placed a marker near the spot to commemorate the signing.

The Legion received its charter from Congress, accomplishing what other veterans' groups had attempted without success. The charter established precepts The American Legion was organized to fulfill: devotion to God and country as members of an organization pledged to freedom, democracy and justice. The charter serves as an acknowledgment of past service and a challenge to future generations who may be asked to defend our nation. □

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THE BIG CHILL

Call them the 'frozen chosen' maybe. But those who believe in cryonics say that death isn't man's final frontier.

By Miles Epstein

FROM the time they're born, human beings are driven by an impulse to take things apart and put them back together. A small group of maverick scientists have decided to take this process one step further. Their project, called cryonics, aims to take apart and reassemble the world's most complicated machine: the human body.

Saul Kent, one of the founders of the Cryonics Society of New York, had his mother decapitated and frozen in the hope that she could be reanimated sometime in the future. The prospect of immortality inspires the unusual.

In 1964, college professor Robert Ettinger, who also had his mother frozen, wrote *The Prospect of Immortality*, considered the bible of a bold new concept in life-extension technology. His book suggests that people can be frozen in "suspended death" until medical technology can cure what killed them and breathe new life into their bodies. This attempt to achieve immortality conflicts with some of the most conventional truths modern science has been built upon, including the premise that death is final in a world of mortals.



ALCOR LIFE EXTENSION

COLD CREW—*Specialists at Alcor, a California-based cryonics firm, prepare a body for deep-freeze storage.*

Cryonics and its champions often are considered silly because they are too ambitious, and perhaps vain. But in the process of trying to engineer an immortal, these innovative thinkers are blazing onto new ground, challenging the essence of the universe and the laws of nature with a profound, over-arching denial of death.

FOR thousands of years, mankind has been conditioned to accept death," said Ettinger. "I grew up expecting that one day old age would be preventable and reversible."

Ettinger was a pioneer in the school of thought that views death as a process, not a moment. Cryonics, a radical branch of cryogenics, the recognized field of cold temperature medicine, is a large-scale project designed to slow and eventually halt the process of death.

In the mid-1960s, cryonics advocates were a small fringe group, optimistic and highly educated. The structure of some cryonics organizations was rocked by scandal, sometimes at the hands of incompetent people and equipment, and other times because of sensational media coverage.

"If people want to freeze their bodies then it's fine with us, but it isn't science," said Dr. S. Randolph May, vice president of the LifeCell Corporation, a firm that specializes in preserving biological materials. May is professor of surgery at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston and the current President of the Society for Cryobiology.

"Cryonicists," according to May, "get themselves in trouble by what they do and what they say. And they get themselves in trouble not with the scientists; they get in trouble with the press. It was the press that did all the muckraking about the things that have happened, like in the early days when they were storing bodies in the surplus wingtip fuel tanks of Air Force jets. When they had people who were too obese to fit, they would chain saw their arms off and put them in."

Dr. Avi Ben-Abraham is perhaps the most powerful mind behind cryonics research. Ben-Abraham is president of the American Cryonics Society and is listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the youngest person ever to become a medical doctor, at age 18. He is not only convinced that cryonics is workable, but said "It's just the tip of the iceberg. Since 1900, life expectancy for an American has risen from 47 to 75 years of age."

Success with hamsters and research into monkeys is bringing the idea to new levels. Can people live forever? Cryonicists think so. Enough evidence has been collected to demonstrate that cryonics and the research it requires have contributed to aging research, organ preservation and bloodless surgery.

Despite cryonic advances, the idea of getting frozen hasn't exactly caught fire. Today, there are an estimated 21

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people in "cryonic suspension," with about 250 others slated to undergo the procedure. The American Cryonics Society of Stockton, Calif., the Cryonics Institute of Oak Park, Mich., and the Alcor Life Extension Foundation of Riverside, Calif., are the major organizations that freeze people in the United States.

Shopping for immortality hasn't found its way to Wall Street, but sound financial preparation is essential. Buying a ticket to eternity is complicated and expensive. Planning, a theory espoused by cryonics itself, is important. Here's a look at the market. The American Cryonics Society, which has seven frozen and 114 signed up, generally offers whole-body suspension for $125,000 and will preserve just the head, a procedure called neuropreservation, for $50,000. Robert Ettinger's Cryonics Institute, with two frozen, and 90 signed up, asks for a one-time membership fee of $1,250 or $1,875 for a couple, and charges $28,000 for full-body suspension. The Alcor Life Extension Foundation has 13 frozen and 142 signed up and offers the big chill for $125,000, or $35,000 for just the head.

Dr. Phillip Marden had his father buried in the permafrost region of Canada because he couldn't afford the cryonics procedure. "As the poor man's alternative to liquid nitrogen," as Marden describes it, permafrost burial requires eight hours of drilling a 10-foot-deep grave.

Financial planning through life insurance can make cryonic suspension affordable for just about anyone.

"If you are 20 years old, you can purchase immortality for $90 per year," said Irving Rand, a Long Island insurance salesman who works through Cryonics Coordinators of America to provide affordable cryonics suspension. Adults can soften the financial burden through life insurance as well.

What does all that money buy? The people in the frozen body industry make no guarantees and are the first to admit the potential for failure. The study of cryonics—named after the Greek word *kryos,* meaning icy cold—has been burdened by a past ridden with controversy and horror stories.

Just ask Woody Allen, a former member of the Cryonics Society of New York. His interest inspired the movie *Sleeper,* in which the main character, Miles, is revived after years of refrigeration to find himself in a hostile and unfamiliar world.

Allen's character also became the name of one of cryonics most celebrated stars—a floppy-eared, cuddly beagle named Miles—who was frozen and revived by Dr. Paul Segall. The dog appeared on *Donahue* and glossed the pages of magazines and newspapers.

But the stories didn't always have such popular appeal. In the early years, Ann DeBlasio, the wife of a New York City policeman, and Steven J. Mandell, a student at New York University, were frozen. Their freezings were reported by reputable sources such as *The New York Times.*



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DOG GONE—*The canine, "Miles," became a celebrity after being frozen and reanimated by Dr. Paul Segall.*

In recent years, the focus of media attention has shifted to the legality of cryonics.

CRYONICS is a complex, controversial medical procedure that stores either the whole body or just the head of a clinically dead person in liquid nitrogen, at a temperature of −196°C. After a person is declared clinically dead and certified to be in that condition, a suspension team prepares the body for its icy descent into a large Dewar flask, where it is stored until technology can revive the person.

Recently, cryonicists have come under fire for freezing and decapitating a woman, allegedly before she was officially declared dead. Alcor, the cryonics facility that handled the suspension of Dora Kent, insists that she was clinically dead before the procedure was carried out. However, *The Riverside Press-Enterprise* reported that "coroner officials concluded that she died from a lethal dose of barbiturates pumped into her body to prepare her for freezing." Investigators are trying to find who administered the drugs and when.

According to *Newsweek,* "A search of the Alcor facility revealed weapons and explosives, one intact frozen corpse, and six heads frozen in the hope of eventual reunion with other bodies." Dora's head was not recovered. The whereabouts of her head, which authorities want, is one of the most closely guarded secrets of cryonics.

"I'm sure she's being well taken care of," said Mark Darwin, a.k.a. Mike Federowicz, research director of Alcor.

Moral and ethical questions are seemingly without limitation. But what about the more practical questions? Is there enough evidence to suggest that cryonics could succeed? If it does, how can people take the assets they've accumulated over a lifetime with them?

The Reanimation Foundation holds assets for patients awaiting revival. The group operates out of Liechtenstein, a small country bordering Switzerland that does not have a rule against holding on to assets after death. According to information provided by the foundation, "Anyone can donate money and any other assets to The Reanimation Foundation. They also can contribute to their own personal reanimation account, or to the foundation's General Reanimation Fund. The minimum funding level required to set up an IRA (Individual Reanimation Account) is $100,000, which may be contributed in cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, precious metals, insurance or any other established method of funding. The minimum amount for participation in the Fund is $10,000."

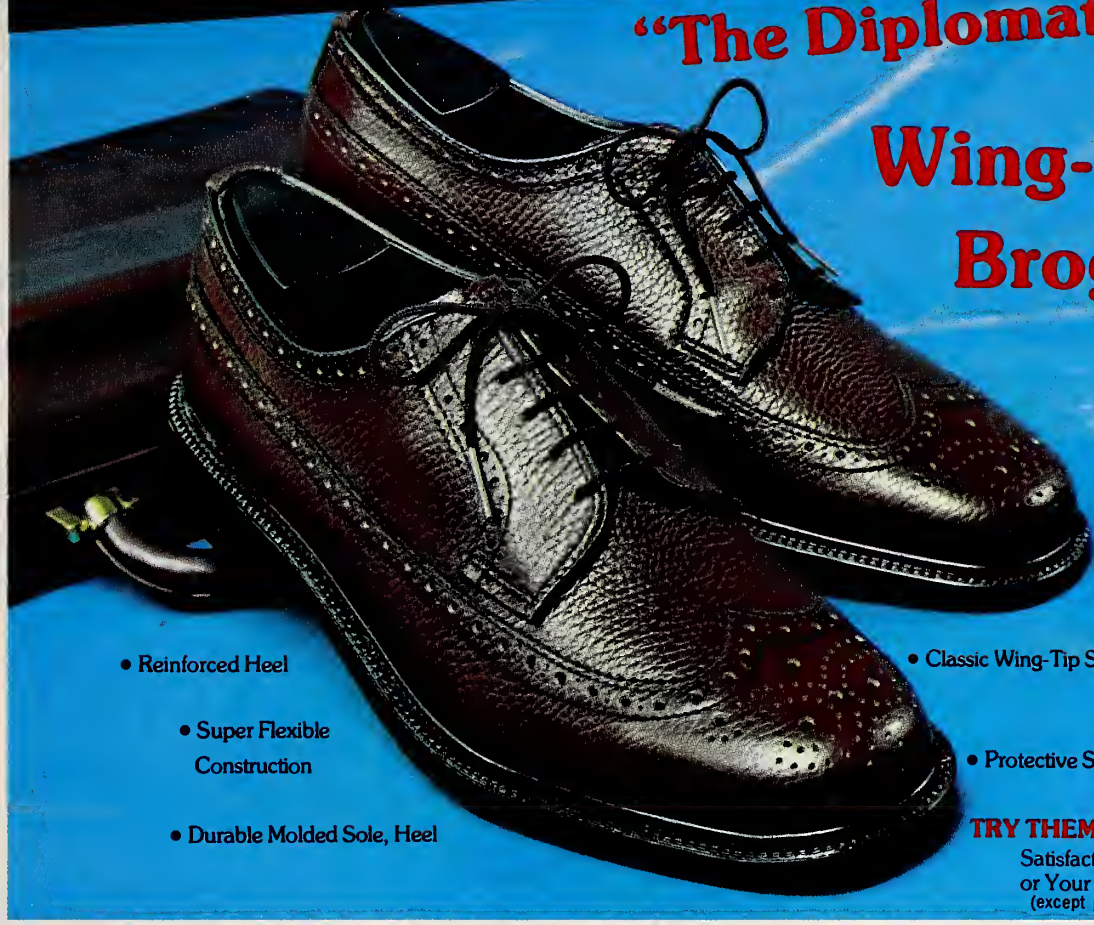
Modern medical technology has made it increasingly difficult to define death. Every gray hair, every wrinkle is a sign that death is inevitable. Or is it? Cryonics, perhaps more than any other science, raises more questions than it answers. As Dr. Kevin Brown, a member of Alcor's East Coast Discussion Group, said: "Cryonics is not about bringing people back from the dead. It's about redefining what it means to be dead and to be alive." □

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EDUCATING FOR EXCELLENCE OR IGNORANCE?

A WEAK PUBLIC-EDUCATION PROGRAM THREATENS STUDENTS' FUTURES, HURTS BUSINESS AND POSES GRAVE NATIONAL SECURITY PROBLEMS.

By Lester David

HOW much education have our American high school and college students absorbed during their years of schooling? Fasten your seatbelts because the answer will jolt you.

Nearly 25 percent of college seniors—young people with almost 16 years of education—thought that Columbus landed in this hemisphere some time after the year 1550. More than four in 10 did not know when the Civil War was fought. Fully 60 percent were unaware that Harry Truman was President during the Korean War; some said Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy.

These disturbing facts were disclosed in a recent study of graduating seniors conducted by the Gallup Organization for the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency which has been commissioned by Congress to monitor the state of education in America.

What about younger students? A Gallup survey of 8,000 17 year olds revealed that one in three thought Columbus arrived after 1750 and two in three could not identify the Magna Carta, the document which stands as a symbol of English freedom. Equally dismal findings were reported recently by the U.S. Department of Education, which found that 35 percent of 17 year olds were unable to write acceptable letters of application for jobs.



VANSELOW

"Well, did you learn anything?"

Most students are literate, but the majority were able to understand only short and simple paragraphs. Nearly 60 percent could not read at what educators call the "adept level," which does not mean tough, head-scratching material, but the kind of prose like the articles in this magazine.

If college seniors flunk history and younger students read and write poorly, how do our young people fare in science, an all-important subject in this technological age?

Miserably. The National Science Foundation reports that when a standardized science test was given to high-school seniors around the world, American students finished dead last. In another test, high schoolers ranked 14th out of 17 countries. As for math, American kids did poorest among six nations, trailing South Korea, Spain, Britain, Ireland and Canada.

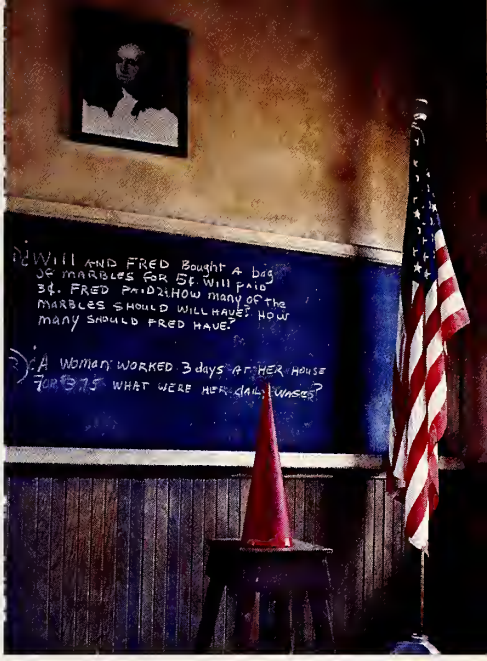
In the latter test, students were asked to answer yes or no to the statement, "I am good at mathematics." Here Americans scored best with 68 percent. Only 23 percent of South Koreans, who scored highest, thought they were good. This could mean that South Koreans, feeling deficient, may try harder while some cocky American kids won't try to improve their poor showing. It's hardly surprising that leading educators in and out of government are expressing alarm.

Secretary of Education Lauro F. Cavazos, said, "The reading and writing skills of American students remain dreadfully inadequate. As a nation, we should be appalled that we have placed our children in such jeopardy. Without solid literary skills, we can never expect to see improvements in math or sci-

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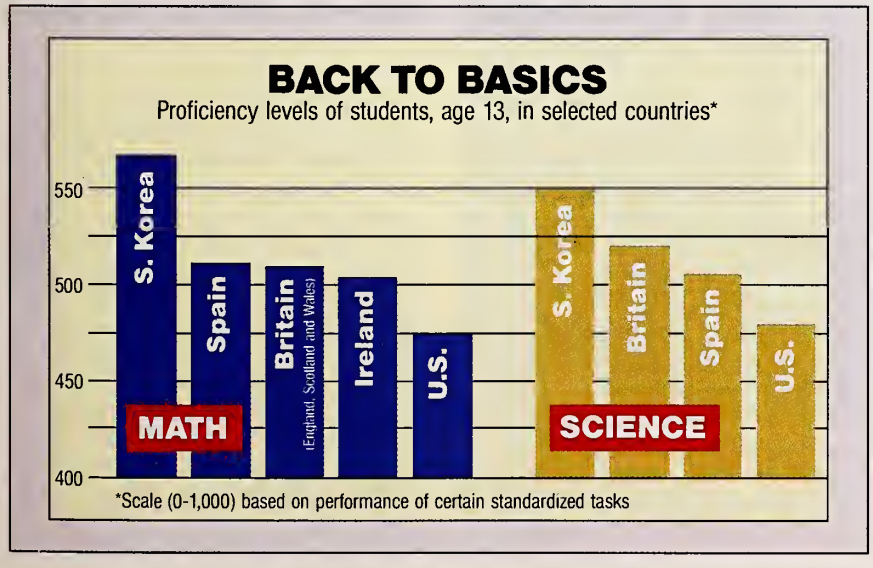
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CHOICE — ***Science and math subjects must be emphasized in schools, if America wants to reclaim the lead in education and in the global economic arena. Reform is not an option, but a must if we're to succeed.***

ence, history or geography. And the costs will be staggering."

David I. Kearns, chairman of Xerox Corp., described the situation as "the makings of a national disaster." James E. Burke, chief executive officer of Johnson & Johnson, calls the education mess "the American dream turned nightmare." And Brad M. Butler, former chairman of Procter & Gamble, warns that "a third world within our own country" may be in the making.

The potential consequences are frightening. The ignorant Americans emerging from our schools may face bleak futures. Lacking the skills essential to hold jobs in a technological age that is becoming more complex by the year, many will have to spend their working years in low-level, low-paying occupations. Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, paints this stark picture: "When most Americans graduate from high school, they have only the skills they will need if they plan to spend their lives working in a fast-food restaurant or pumping gas."



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On a personal level, the prospect is bad enough. It's worse when you consider the effect on the country. Without the ability to read and understand issues, think problems through and discuss them, how can they become the kind of citizens essential to safeguard our democracy? How, indeed, when a shockingly high number of college graduates with fancy diplomas framed on their walls can't even pass the basic examination for citizenship given to immigrants?

AND how will the United States be able to compete in the global economic arena that is being reshaped at bewildering speed by political and economic events? In 1992, all nations in Western Europe will be united into a single trading entity, and before long additional competition will come from Eastern Bloc countries which are peeling away from the Soviet Union and eager to enter the marketplace. In the Pacific, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and other newly industrialized nations are starting to enter the game.

One of the greatest handicaps in America's efforts to compete with the new technological giants now emerging in many parts of the world is the growing shortage of scientists and engineers.

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American students are lagging behind those in many other nations. Reforming our system may not go far enough. Some believe we should create a new one.



REBUILDING OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM

By Kenneth W. Dahse

OUR education system does not need to be reformed. It needs to be dismantled and an entirely new one created. With statesmanship and a change in national philosophy, this bold new approach can solve the ills of our American schools.

We must face the truth that it is impossible to educate everyone to the same level without descending to the lowest levels of mediocrity. Educational egalitarianism simply doesn't work.

The rebuilding of our system has to be done on a national level. The President should appoint a national education committee or committees comprised of distinguished college and public school educators, corporate leaders, political leaders, citizens and philosophers, and authorize them to rebuild the education system. They should begin by studying the schools of nations that surpass us economically and academically.

Once this is accomplished, they should create a national curriculum in four basic areas: academic, business and technical, vocational, and general. Obviously, the academic curriculum would be the most stringent because of its college preparatory nature, but standards in all areas would be raised universally.

Passing an entrance exam in a specific field of study should be a prerequisite for high school. To obtain a national diploma, students should have to pass a comprehensive exam in their field that measures maximum, not minimum, proficiencies. We must guarantee that graduating students are thoroughly educated.

The curriculum shouldn't be etched in stone, but kept abreast of changing developments. However, there should be a core of knowledge that all high school graduates must always know and this shouldn't change. Mandatory in this core should be environmental courses. As current ecological disasters attest, this is one area that should be sacrosanct because our survival as a species depends on it. Revisions of the curriculum could be made every 10 years, but always ruled by one principle: the pursuit of excellence.

States and localities should be free to administer their elementary and secondary programs as they deem fit, but they must achieve the national goals. Because of the elevated standards, the school year would have to be increased from 180 days to 200 days a year.

Next, we must ensure and increase teacher quality by raising standards, academic training and salaries, and by giving them more power and responsibilities in operating their school districts.

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CLASS ACT — ***A national curriculum that nurtures learning and motivates students is needed now.***

This, too, must be done nationally. All educators must major in an academic subject and maintain an overall B average. They should pass national competency and knowledge tests in their areas of expertise before receiving national teaching certificates. Additional testing should be required for subsequent education in new or advanced areas.

Teacher-training programs should be extended to five years and include six months of practice teaching at two different schools and grade levels. This extra year will enhance both academic and experiential expertise. Secondary educators should obtain a master's degree within five years of completing college.

WITH educators nationally certified and proven competent, salaries and responsibilities should increase. There should be two categories of teachers: regular and master. Master status could be achieved with five years of experience and consistently above average evaluations by administrators and master teachers, and the attainment of a master's degree. The educator would then receive top salary, which, depending on the local cost of living, would be between $50,000 and $80,000 a year. Regular teachers would receive between $30,000 and $45,000 a year.

Higher salaries and levels of expertise necessitate greater responsibilities in running the schools. Master teachers working with local officials would determine how the school is to be run by developing policy, scheduling procedures and curriculum, as well as hiring and evaluating teachers and administrators.

With the increased responsibilities of teachers, fewer administrators would be needed and their roles would change. Rather than being like factory managers making all the decisions for the workers on how the plant is governed, they'd be more like hospital administrators. Their roles would be supportive. They'd help organize, process paperwork, oversee school management and institute procedures created by faculty executive committees. These changes would increase professionalism and respect of educators, thereby ensuring the best and brightest became and remained teachers.

Finally, we must alter our attitudes toward students and school. We must not view schools as a baby-sitting service or a convenient place for young people to hang out. We must respect students' abilities by demanding more from them and by helping them aspire to educational excellence.



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FIRST RATE — Some observers say that we can ensure teachers' quality by raising qualification standards and salaries.

WHAT CAN BE DONE

- **Create a national curriculum of studies and training**
- **Increase teacher quality**
- **Mandate entrance exams for students entering high school and college**

High-school admittance should require students passing a stringent entrance exam in their field of study. If they can't meet the requirements, they can't advance. Promotions of unprepared students results in a downgrading of upper grades and encourages a lack of effort. Compulsory education should end at the eighth grade so those young adults who choose not to meet the requirements do not undermine the education process.

Will rigorous standards cause more failures? Maybe so, but under the current system 25 percent of our students quit school anyway. Some may claim these standards will discriminate against certain groups. Nothing, however, is more discriminatory, prejudicial and uncaring than conferring a worthless degree and sending a student into the world with an inferior education. Will fewer students attend college? Probably, but with secondary school excellence a reality, additional education may be unnecessary for some students.

By creating national standards of excellence, raising teacher qualifications and giving them power to administrate schools, having national exams of excellence, and demanding effort and quality from our students, we will not only give students the precious gift of a superior education but develop our national strength and secure our future. □

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Americans are taking up the banner for causes ranging from animal rights to the protection of the United States Flag.



REVITALIZING DEMOCRACY

By Don Oldenburg

THAT photograph of one courageous protester standing his ground for freedom in the path of a column of tanks in Beijing's Tiananmen Square was haunting beyond the circumstances. Months later came more such poignant scenes: the Wall tumbling in Berlin; a bloody dictatorship crushed in Bucharest; the chant for democracy filling the streets of Prague, Budapest and Warsaw; the miracle of popular elections in Nicaragua and Lithuanians refusing to compromise independence.

In parts of the world where freedom has for so long been a secret and dangerous dream, people recently have put their lives on the line for democracy. Yet, in the United States for at least a decade now, complacency seems to have set in. Political non-participation has influenced the outcome of national elections and policy decisions almost as much as any other factor. In the presidential election two years ago, barely half—50.1 percent—of registered voters bothered to go to the polls, a modern record for low turnout. Fewer than one-third of registered voters in Texas exercised their responsibilities of citizenry in a gubernatorial runoff in April. Despite continuing efforts to boost voter registration, voters increasingly are the phantoms of election day.

If participating in this year's national census is considered a civic duty—and certainly the federal government considers it so—civic apathy has sucker punched America again. By the April 1 deadline, only 57 percent of American households had bothered to respond to the questionnaires, far short of the Census Bureau's goal of 70 percent.

"The census is just another civic activity for which Americans have neither the energy nor the interest," one observer said. "The Census Bureau has really taken the measure of America. No one's home."

ALL of which begs the question: What have we done for democracy lately, those of us who live in the "land of the free and the home of the brave?" Or is that now somewhere else?

"The whole world has been inspired by American democracy, and we've kind of forgotten what we have here," said Harry C. Boyte, a senior fellow at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota and author of *Commonwealth: A Return to Citizen Politics.* He is one of an increasing number of political specialists trying to devise ways to turnaround what might be called the decline of American democracy.

Boyte also is co-director of Project Public Life, a shoestring program centered in Minneapolis and San Francisco that is attempting to convey civic mindedness and citizenry skills to school kids. Boyte is reluctantly optimistic.

"We've taken for granted citizenship and public life, and those can't be taken for granted," he said. "I think we're headed for disaster unless we reinvigorate public participation and the arts of citizenship in this country. We need to re-establish the idea that citizens have a hell of a lot more to do than simply vote. It has to be re-established and developed with each generation. It is an uphill struggle. But I see signs of it re-emerging."

So do other experts studying the hows and whys of citizen politics in America. But some of them think what is emerging is participatory democracy not so much in the traditional sense of voting and political parties but rather in the form of individual activism—involvement in the political fisticuffs being waged over issues that people are taking personally.

In Santa Fe, indeed in hundreds of towns and municipalities nationwide, people who've never protested a community issue before have stood up and even organized to fight for limiting smoking in public places.

Said Muiriel Kirchmeier of the activist group Smoke Free Santa Fe: "We've seen a lot of grassroots kind of folks get involved lately."

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RISING TO THE OCCASION— ***Peace activists protest a racist group in Idaho. Gun owners in Texas march to their capital to speak out against proposed gun ban bills. Citizens are on the march everywhere.***

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A few years ago, Kirchmeier, an emergency medical technician, established the Dollar For Life program, which advocated adding $1 to every New Mexico auto registration to purchase more ambulances and fund emergency medical training. "We had people from little communities of 2,000 and fewer who came up to buttonhole their legislators because they needed that equipment to save lives on the highways. It was an issue they saw as really important. I'm sure these are people who in their wildest dreams would never have expected themselves to be doing that."

Outrage over high property taxes in northern Virginia in the past year has shaken citizens into an ad hoc organization formed last June in ma-and-pa fashion by a couple enraged into acting. They've since collected 48,000 signatures on a petition calling for a referendum on a tax ceiling which challenges the very structure of government in the county. This is the chance for Mr. John Q. Public to say if he is happy or unhappy with the way the county is being managed, according to Frederick Dykes, co-founder of Citizens on Sensible Taxation.

"People don't mind being pebbles as long as they know they are part of an avalanche," said Lois Barber, founder of 20/20 Vision, an organization based in Amherst, Mass. For $20 a year she sends subscribers monthly postcards informing them of the most important 20-minute political activity they can perform for that month.

"I thought it was necessary to change American politics," she said. "We needed to engage more people and have hundreds of thousands of people get their opinions heard." Typically, the postcards provide basic background on a current bill and recommend subscribers write or call key legislators. Subscriptions are over 5,000 now. "It is a challenge to see how we, in this democracy, can be expressive," said Barber. "It is a challenge to reinvigorate and redirect our American way of doing this."

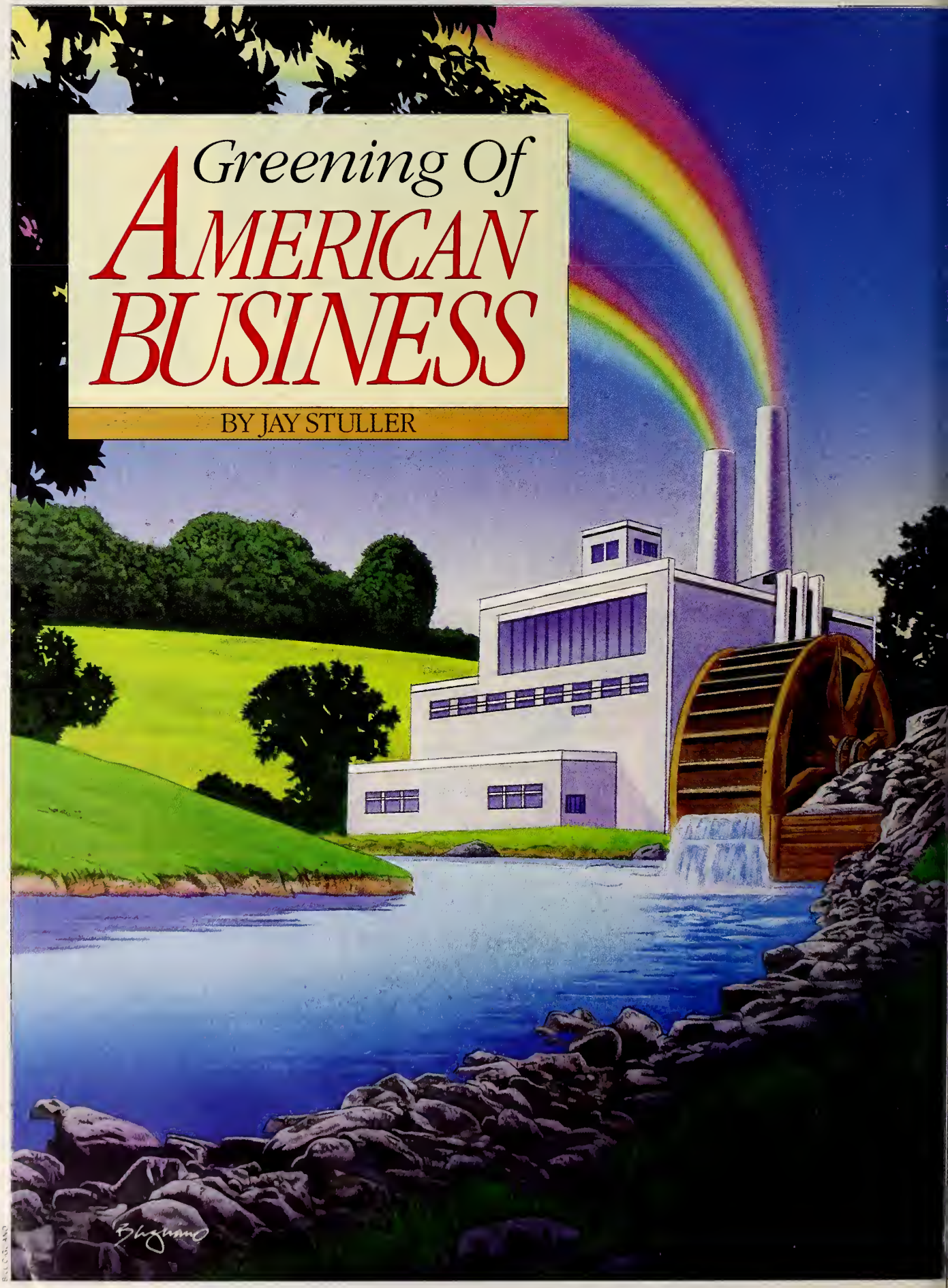
When the geothermal energy industry began destroying the rain forests of Hawaii, it wasn't the environmental groups that came to the rescue. Instead, natives calling themselves the Pele Defense Fund initially opposed to the developments on religious grounds because the rain forests were their sacred lands. Unskilled as political operators, the group got counseling from an organization in Washington, D.C., that is dedicated to assisting individuals and grassroots groups with their public-interest causes.

"When you look at the formal participation in the political process, there is no question that we are sick and that check writing has become a substitute for political involvement," said Michael Pertschuk, a former Federal Trade Commission chairman who now co-chairs the Advocacy Institute, the non-

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Greening Of AMERICAN BUSINESS

BY JAY STULLER



PRODUCING chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) was a solid, $750 million a year business for E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co., the giant American chemical manufacturer. But scientific evidence suggested that CFCs might be depleting the Earth's ozone layer. So, Du Pont announced it would quit making the profitable refrigerant and cleaning chemical and spend up to $1 billion to find a replacement.

Caving in to sandal-shod environmental zealots? On environmental projects, Du Pont voluntarily spends an estimated $50 million more than laws and regulations require.

Rolling over for the zealots, completely? Not really. Building on the knowledge gained from cleaning and improving its chemical plants, Du Pont has created a division to help other industrial firms with toxic problems—a division with projected annual revenues approaching $1 billion. The company figures the division and new environmentally sound products will generate $8 billion in annual revenues by 1995.

As Du Pont Chairman Edgar Woolard Jr. said, pressure from environmentalists is "a knife with two edges. One edge is vulnerability, and one edge is opportunity."

Du Pont is just one of many American corporations that has seen the opportunity in environmental responsibility. After nearly two decades of grumbling about clean air and clean water laws, foot dragging on compliance and at times fighting the laws tooth and nail, savvy corporations are going "green," and it's sound business sense.

As author Michael Silverstein wrote in his book, *The Environmental Factor,* "To phrase this in a totally amoral way: You could have made a good buck in the past ignoring the environment or even helping to destroy the environment. You will make an even better buck in the future helping to clean up the mess."

For example, some of the hottest stocks touted by brokers are environmental service corporations. Businesses ranging from conventional garbage companies to firms developing pollution-control equipment, cleanup technologies and alternative energy sources are among the fastest growing in the nation.

"Green consumers" already are choosing products or brands that project the most environmentally friendly image. Said Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III: "We are witnessing a green revolution on the shelves of America's stores."

Move over Wall Street. For career opportunities, the action's in environment. In jobs that didn't exist a decade ago, major petrochemical companies and smaller service firms employ many thousands of engineers, chemists, lab analysts, biologists and cleanup specialists for environmental work. Some companies are even linking bonuses and raises to executives' environmental performance.

OUR SOCIETY HAS REACHED THE CONSENSUS THAT POLLUTION IS MORALLY WRONG — MANY AMERICAN BUSINESSES ARE RESPONDING.

In what seems like an altruistic spirit of cooperation, many large corporations work with hard-core environmentalists on Capitol Hill to develop even-tougher environmental regulations. But as editorial writer David Brooks pointed out in a *National Review* article: "A large firm can leap regulatory hurdles that block firms from starting up." While this reduces competition, the planet's health nonetheless benefits.

Any way you cut it, environment is emerging as the issue of the 1990s. "Environmentalism will be the cutting edge of social reform and absolutely the most important issue for business," said Gary Miller, a public policy expert at St. Louis' Washington University. President Bush is attempting to boost the Environmental Protection Agency to Cabinet level. And as Montsanto Chairman Richard J. Mahoney said at a National Wildlife Foundation dinner honoring his chemical company's cleanup work: "The torch of environmentalism—if not yet bursting into flame—is at least being lit in corporate America."

It's being ignited in part by the friction of federal, state and local regulation, and the costs of pollution, whether accidental or routine. Penalties are extracted in fines, lawsuits, cleanup expenses and public ill will, as evident in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill in Alaska. At factories, the penalties for not meeting standards are finally starting to exceed the money saved by polluting. The minds, abilities and efforts of bright scientists, engineers and executives are focusing on saving money and the environment.

Excessive government regulation has long been anathema to business, if not to many citizens. But it can be argued that environmental regulations fall into a category economists call "the public good," like a sound educational system and sufficient national defense. Along with Western Europe, Canada, Japan and other developed nations, America can at least afford to devote its attention and resources to the earth's health.

The public is clearly willing to spend. A *New York Times/CBS News* poll regularly asks if whether protecting the environment is important enough so that standards cannot be too high, and whether improvements should be made regardless of cost. In 1981, only 45 percent agreed, while 42 percent disagreed. More recently, nearly 80 percent of the public agreed.

Many surveys show that nearly most, to some degree, view themselves as environmentalists. So it's not surprising that an environmental ethic has made its way into the ranks of corporate leadership. Generations that came of age when ravages of pollution became plainly obvious in the late 1960s are now gaining positions of power. Instead of fighting industry from outside, they change it from within. "Corporations like ours are experiencing what can only be called a revolution in environmental stewardship," Mahoney said.

Business currently spends an estimated $32 billion to meet clean-air

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CLEANED UP — ***Innovative industries not only have reduced air pollution, but have also cut back on waste being sent to dump sites.***

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The War Memorial Museum of Virginia is more than a warehouse for military relics. It is a time machine for students of America's war history.





From Dixie To Delta Force

MEMBERS of the Braxton-Perkins Post 25, Newport News, Va., were searching for a way to preserve the memories of those who had served and sacrificed in World War I. On Armistice Day 1923, they found the means when they broke ground for a museum site near the scenic James River.



The War Memorial Museum of Virginia is dedicated to the study of U.S. military history. Newport News, with assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia, maintains the museum's $500,000 annual budget, which is generated through the generosity of private contributions and foundations.

The founding Legionnaires probably didn't envision the museum becoming so large and impressive. The original artifacts displayed in the structure predominantly were souvenirs from World War I and the Civil War. Today, the 15,000-square-foot building holds 60,000 items and a military reference library of more than 20,000 volumes.

For some, a museum conjures visions of dusty and obscure items found in attics. That's hardly the case at the Virginia museum, which bridges all war generations. During the first week of August, the museum hosts a Vietnam veteran get-together which attracts more veterans each year. A replica of a Vietnamese village is on display, and veterans spend a week of comradeship and reminiscing. This year, units of the 82nd Airborne from Ft. Bragg, N.C., will drop in on the activities.

THE week before Christmas, another slice of history is offered when soldiers dressed in Confederate gray and Union blue meet to commemorate the bitterest war this nation has ever fought.

"It's strange, but each year, we seem to draw an equal number of people dressed as soldiers of the Union and the Confederacy," said John V. Quarstein, administrator of the Museums and Historical Services at the War Memorabilia Museum of Virginia. "Naturally, one of the big attractions of the museum is the displays. One reason we are expanding is because we have 60,000 items here but only have room to display about 40 percent of them at one time."

HAPPY CAMPERS — ***Many gather at the museum's sprawling grounds to re-enact Civil War battles, while others (above) dress up to learn.***

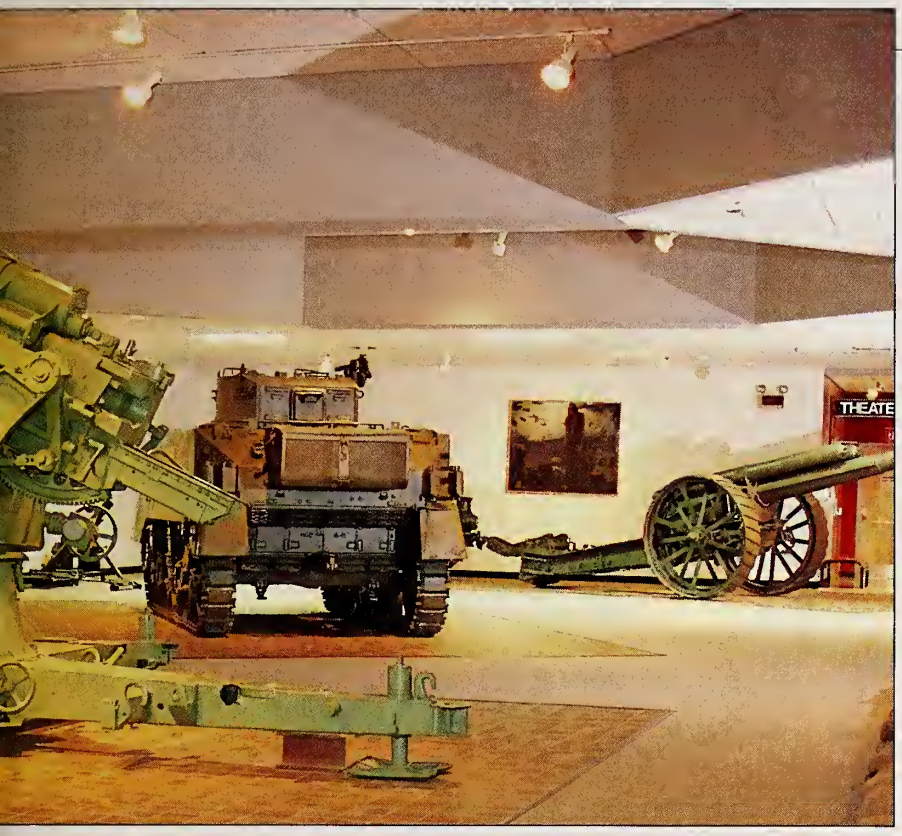
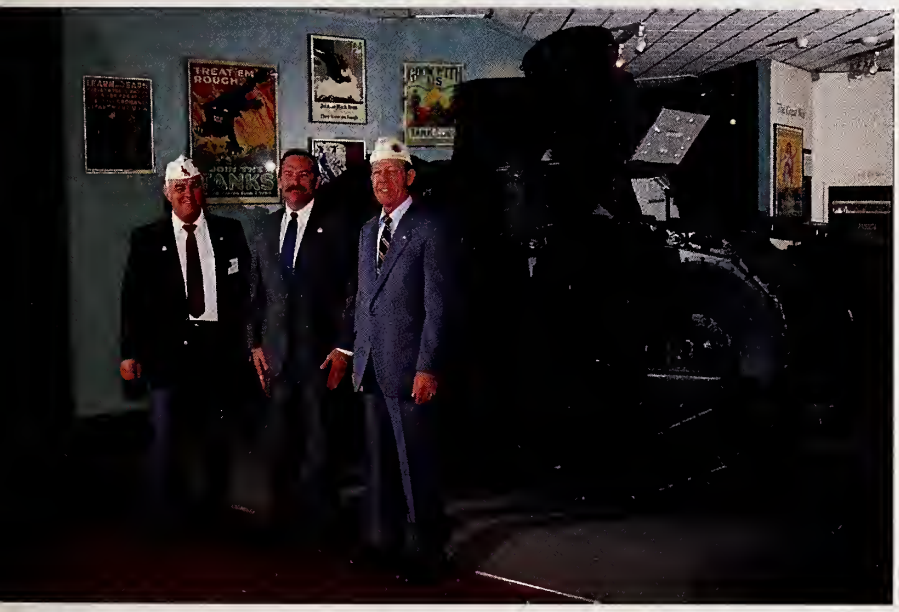




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TONS OF GUNS — ***The museum is home to more than 60,000 military artifacts, including a WWI Lewis gun (above) with a lifelike triggerman, and a captured German "88," one of the most destructive and feared WWII artillery pieces.***



HEAVY METAL — ***Dept. Cmdr. Roger N. Messier (l), John Quarstein and Post 25 Cmdr. George De Shazor are dwarfed by a WWI Renault tank.***

One display that attracts much attention is the German "88" artillery piece. Touted by many as the most versatile weapon ever made, the "88" could be used as an anti-aircraft or anti-tank weapon. The "88" was both feared and respected by the Allied Powers, and it commands much attention at the War Memorial Museum, especially from veterans who faced the gun in battle.

For instance, there is a Heinrich Himmler Honor dagger, specifically designed for use as a military uniform accessory, but used by its owner as a fishing knife. A Confederate battle flag hangs on display, a relic remembered primarily for the time it was associated with the surrender at Appomattox.

Many of the museum's memorabilia are exhibited in lifelike settings. For instance, a mannequin gunner sits behind the Lewis aviation gun, frozen forever in time as he prepares to squeeze the trigger on one of the earliest aircraft machine guns.

In another area, a boxcar rests, its wheelbase looking oddly narrow compared to our more familiar American railcars, but all too familiar to those who traveled on troop trains in the "40/8" boxcars. It got its name from its ability to carry 40 troops or eight horses. It was a gift to the state and the museum from France.

Much of the museum is dedicated to specific themes, such as the "America and War" area, with displays and exhibits showing not only what life was like in combat, but also what was going on back home. Another area displays information and relics relating to the Axis powers, and tells the war from the enemy's viewpoint.

Two of the more unique exhibition spaces are reserved for "Women at War" and "The Black Soldier." Here, some of the country's lesser known heroes are identified and their experiences are related both in writing and displays.

Obviously, weapons, uniforms, insignia and equipment abound, but the museum also offers many familiar and less familiar items relating to America's wartime efforts, too. For example, one area is solely devoted to the art of wartime eras. Paintings and sketches adorn the walls. Wartime posters urge citizens to enlist, to buy bonds, or to remember "loose lips sink ships."

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READING THE MINDS OF THE JURY

Attorneys "try" their cases in a mock court and map out a solid strategy for gaining the edge when the real case is tried.

By Jordan E. Cohn

IN 1986, Claude "Mountain Man" Dallas escaped from the Idaho prison where he was serving a 30-year sentence for the voluntary manslaughter of two game wardens. Dallas, a former trapper, had been on the lam for 11 months when he was captured in California. He was barely recognizable: While a fugitive, he had undergone plastic surgery on his face.

In defending the escape, Dallas' lawyers had a tough case on their hands. Under the law, the escape could be justified only if it could be proved that Dallas was in imminent danger while in prison, and that once he had reached a place of safety, he had turned himself in. Dallas' 11-month absence from the prison and the fact that he had purposefully altered his features indicated that it would be difficult to persuade a jury that he had been prepared to hand himself over to prison authorities.

Dallas' contention was that his life was in danger from prison guards, who considered him a "cop killer." His lawyers were prepared to argue that Dallas' extended absence was necessary because he was waiting for the prison-guard population to turn over. To test this theory, the lawyers hired Howard Varinsky, a noted trial consultant who specializes in case strategy and jury selection.

Varinsky, who heads Howard Varinsky Associates in Oakland, Calif., conducted what is known as a mock trial—a dress rehearsal for the real trial—in which an abbreviated version of the case is presented to a mock jury. The mock jurors, however, didn't buy the prison-guard theory and voted to convict Dallas on the escape charge. The lawyers had another, though in their minds, weaker strategy: That Dallas, who had allegedly been the target of harassment in the prison, had stayed away from the prison in order to earn enough money for legal fees for his lawsuit to compel prison officials to guarantee his safety behind bars. On this theory, the mock jurors voted to acquit. And at Dallas' actual trial, the same theory was proffered. He was acquitted.

Varinsky is part of a cottage industry of trial consultants—psychologists, sociologists, social workers and communications experts—who are using varying degrees of science and intuition to solve one of the oldest problems in the legal system: reading the minds of the jury. Although their effectiveness is hard to measure, enough lawyers are convinced that they can make a difference. For example, the American Society of Trial Consultants has grown from 14 members in 1982 to more than 150 today.

TRIAL lawyers need every advantage they can obtain, and trial consultants give you an edge," said Ronald Matlon, the society's executive secretary. Beside their work with mock trials, trial consultants aid jury selection, interview jurors after trials, conduct opinion surveys in the locale to gauge reaction to the issues or the parties in a case, and provide the lawyer with another set of eyes and ears in analyzing a case.

"Lawyers usually focus on the narrow, legal issues in the case, and jurors often ignore those points and pay more attention to emotional or psychological issues," said Arthur Patterson, a social psychologist and president of Jury Analysts Inc., a trial-consulting firm in State College, Pa. "Our role as psychologists is to identify those issues that jurors will tune in to."

Or as Andrew C. Meyer Jr., a plaintiff's lawyer in Boston, put it, "We want to know what the jury's hot buttons are." Trial consultants also help lawyers understand the jury's cognitive process—how it processes information and arrives at a decision. After all, the jury is the fact-finder in the case.

The mock trials, which also are known as trial simulations, are a fertile source of information about how a jury will evaluate a case. The technique is invaluable in testing and formulating trial strategy as in the Dallas case, understanding how a jury reacts to witnesses and lawyers, and providing information that helps attorneys predict how a real jury might vote.

In a typical mock trial, opening statements are presented either live or on videotape to a panel of jurors drawn from the area in which the actual trial will take place. Critical witnesses testify, and key evidence such as photographs, charts, etc. are introduced. Finally, closing arguments for both sides are made; the trial may take anywhere from a few hours to a few weeks. Usually, the proceedings are videotaped.

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COMSTOCK

TEST RUN—***Mock trials, also known as trial simulations, typically cost upward of $15,000.***

While the jury deliberates, the lawyers and the consultant watch via a one-way mirror. Bruce D. Drucker, a lawyer with Rivkin, Radler, Dunne & Bayh in Chicago, compares the process to "focus groups" popular in marketing. "In effect, we're testing our 'product,' which is our theory of the case, to determine which aspects of it appeal to, and are understood by, the jury."

Consider, for example, a recent celebrated case where former Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham and his brother, Willard, were accused of not reporting a campaign loan. The Mechams attorneys' initial defense rested on a contention that someone on the governor's campaign staff had set him up. When this out-to-get-the-governor theory was presented to the mock jurors, "the jurors started booing," said Varinsky, who acted as a trial consultant in the case.

A second theory was offered: that Mecham's campaign staff was disorganized; he relied on his campaign manager, who also happened to be his lawyer, to handle the paperwork; and although Mecham had signed the loan document, he hadn't read it or negotiated the deal. The mock jurors responded favorably, and at the actual trial, the second theory was presented. Mecham and his brother were acquitted.

JURORS often tune out the legal issues of a case, and focus on the emotional and psychological points.

For best results, said Meyer, the mock trials should be conducted several times. "By the third or fourth time," he said, "you've honed your case to a fine edge, and you can predict with reasonable certainty the outcome of the case." But mock trials are expensive, costing from $5,000 to $15,000, and are typically used only in big cases.

Trial consultants also play a critical role in jury selection. But there are constraints in picking a jury: Lawyers have no control over the jury pool; have only a limited number of peremptory challenges where you can exclude, without cause, jurors; and otherwise can only eliminate jurors for cause. As a result, according to many lawyers and trial consultants, jury selection is really a misnomer. "When you pick a jury, you don't so much choose who you want as eliminate those people who are potentially negative to your case," said Patterson.

Trial consultants are particularly valuable in helping lawyers ferret out the basis for excluding jurors, such as prejudice. "Much social psychological research indicates that you can't take what people say in court at face value," said Terry Lunsford, a consultant with the National Jury Project, a consulting firm in Oakland, Calif.

"For instance," Lunsford said, "if you ask people whether or not they are prejudiced, chances are they will not answer in the affirmative. Lawyers, however, are trained to ask yes-or-no questions. Our role is to get attorneys to ask open-ended questions, which allow the jurors to expound on their feelings.

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OUR HOUSE OF LORDS

By Chris Warden

ON NOV. 6, Americans will be asked to cast votes for their representatives to Congress. But will those votes have much effect? If the last two congressional elections are any guide, don't expect to see many changes.

In these elections, House incumbents are returned to office in almost unanimous fashion. In 1986, for example, 98 percent got their jobs back; two years later incumbents were re-elected at a 98.6 percent rate.

What has led to this incumbent entrenchment? Why is the House of Representatives no longer described, in the terms of our founding fathers, as the "people's body" but rather America's House of Lords? Why is it that politicians are increasingly becoming lawmakers for life?

First, you must examine how incumbents have stacked the deck against challengers through partisan politics, perks and political action committees (PACs).

Everyone likes job security, including members of Congress. Politicians, though, have more power to ensure their job security. For instance, take gerrymandering, the practice in which state politicians, after a census count, draw political lines to maximize the number of "safe" seats for their party. Both Democrats and Republicans do it.

According to a report prepared by Andrew Cowin for the Heritage Foundation, a think tank in Washington D.C., Democrats controlled 17 state governments in 1982. Cowin reports that Democratic House candidates received 55.5 percent of the vote and won 63.4 percent of the seats in 1980.

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ONCE ELECTED TO CONGRESS, THE ODDS OF DEFEAT ARE SLIM. OUR SYSTEM HAS CREATED A U.S. "HOUSE OF LORDS."

IN 1982, after gerrymandering, while Democrats increased their share of the statewide vote to 58.3 percent, their proportion of seats jumped to 70.5 percent," Cowin said.

Accounting for a large part of that gain was the brilliant gerrymandering by the late Rep. Phil Burton of California. When he learned that California was to gain two seats because of the 1980 census, Burton carved the political boundaries to ensure that his party won those additional seats.

"Their (California Democrats') whole idea was to pack as many Republicans as possible into as few districts as possible," said Tom Hofeller, redistricting director for the National Republican Congressional Committee, the GOP House campaign arm.

And they did. In 1980, California's Democrats held 22 House seats and Republicans, 21. After redistricting, Democrats held 28 seats and Republicans, 17. Not only did Phil Burton's plan capture the two new seats, but four previous Republican seats went Democrat as well.

"There have been 180 elections for California House seats since redistricting and just one seat has shifted," said Hofeller. "You might as well just appoint these guys." California now fields 27 Democrats and 18 Republicans.

Republicans in Indiana were faced with a slightly different situation after the 1980 census. The Hoosier state—the only state where Republicans controlled both the executive and legislative branches—was slated to lose a congressional seat. The legislature and GOP Gov. Robert Orr approved new lines drawn up by state GOP chairman Bruce Melchert. The new lines were designed to ensure that one of Indiana's six Democratic congressmen at the time would lose in 1982. Rep. Dan Evans did.

But gerrymandering after the 1980 census accounted for less than 40 percent of House seats. In addition, some gerrymandering wasn't as successful as intended. In Indiana the 10-seat delegation went from an even split after the 1982 election to its present split of seven Democrats and three Republicans. Obviously, more than just gerrymandering is protecting incumbents.

One intimidating set of protections incumbents enjoy is the taxpayer-subsidized perks. By dipping into the

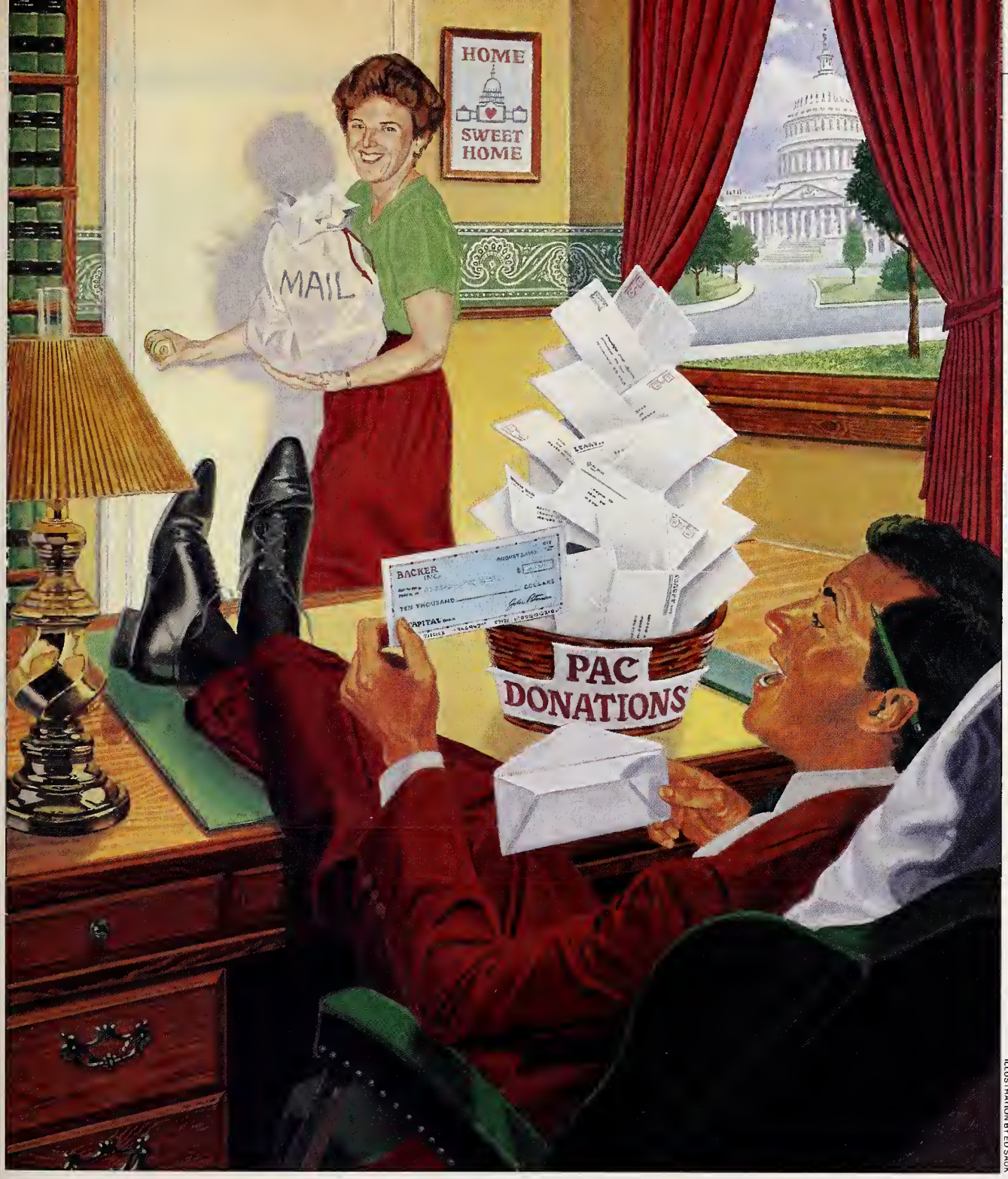


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LAWMAKERS FOR LIFE?—*The "incumbent advantage" includes free postage, PAC money, large staffs, and high visibility—all of which help ensure re-election.*

federal treasury, lawmakers have increased their staffs, office expense accounts and the amount of mail they send home. In addition, lawmakers enjoy a wide range of services, all functioning as taxpayer-subsidized re-election tools:

• *Staff:* Aides to lawmakers perform a variety of tasks designed to keep their bosses in good standing with constituents. Staffers answer and generate mail, help constituents resolve problems with federal bureaucracies and represent the lawmaker. Staff sizes have grown from two employees per representative in the 1930s to an average of 16 today. It isn't free, though; federal spending on lawmakers' personal staffs has increased during the last decade from $118.3 million in 1980 to $188 million last year, according to budget documents.

• *Office expense accounts:* These tax dollars allow lawmakers to rent office space and mobile offices, buy telephone and other office equipment, pay printing costs and travel. The average expense account for a House member has almost doubled from 1977 to 1987, from about $75,000 to more than

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The American Legion filed suit against the U.S. government, alleging that it unlawfully withheld information and unreasonably delayed conducting an Agent Orange study.

Legion attorneys filed the suit Aug. 2 in U.S. District Court, District of Columbia. Named as defendants in their official capacities were Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward J. Derwinski, Health and Human Services Secretary Louis H. Sullivan, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Director William L. Roper, Dr. Vernon N. Houk of CDC's Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control, and the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia's Civil Division and Attorney General of the United States.

Joining the Legion as plaintiffs were three Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange and the widow of a Vietnam veteran who also was in contact with the dioxin-based herbicide. The Legion pursued the litigation after the National Executive Committee authorized the action in Res. 44, adopted at the 1990 Spring Meeting. On the same day, another case was filed by the Vietnam Veterans of America on the same issue against the same defendants.

From 1983 to 1987, the CDC conducted a congressionally mandated study of troop exposure levels to Agent Orange. After spending more than $43 million, CDC officials canceled the study and said there was not enough information to conduct a valid study.

"The defendants have consciously and expressly abdicated their statutory duty to conduct the Agent Orange exposure study," said Nat'l Judge Advocate Philip B. Onderdonk Jr. More details will be published in an upcoming issue.

A new toll-free telephone number has been established for participants in the Civilian Health and Medical Programs of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) in a six-state area.

The number is (800) 236-6000. States in the calling area include Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. Claims submitted by CHAMPUS-eligible families in these states are processed by Wisconsin Physicians Service.

Merchant Marine veterans of World War II are now eligible to apply for campaign medals and decorations, according to the Maritime Administration.

The enactment of P.L. 100-324, the Merchant Marine Decorations and Medals Act, allows the administration to process applications for the awards. Applicants must have a DD Form 214 discharge certificate to be eligible.

Among the awards for which applications are being accepted are: Atlantic War Zone Bar, Pacific War Zone Bar, Mediterranean-Middle East War Zone Bar, Combat Bar, Defense Bar, Philippine Defense Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Merchant Marine Emblem, Victory Medal, Honorable Service Button and Presidential Testimonial Letter.

Applicants must supply the following information: full name and mailing address; a copy of DD Form 214; identification number (Z or book number); a brief summary of the applicant's sailing history, including ships sailed on and theaters of operation; and any available documentation to substantiate eligibility for an award.

Requests for the decorations or inquiries should be sent to: Office of Maritime Labor and Training, Maritime Administration, Room 7302, MAR 250, Deparment of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

An article published in several veterans' newsletters promising a pay differential to some veterans is false, according to officials with the U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center in Indianapolis.

The false article states that veterans who were on active duty between Oct. 1, 1972, and Jan. 1, 1973, were eligible for the pay differential. "Unfortunately, that information is false," said Clay Lacy, center spokesman. "There was a differential payment made to service members for the referenced time period, but that was in 1974."

More than 120,000 participants in the National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) programs should receive increases in monthly annuities, according to Legion officials.

Under P.L. 100-322, VA increased monthly payments received by NSLI beneficiaries with policies prefixed by a V, N and AN, and made under settlement options 3, 4 or 5. Option 5 denotes living veterans who have elected to return a matured endowment or a cash surrender payment within the required time limit of 30 days and receive an annuity in place of a one-sum settlement.

"It's the second increase of its kind ever," said John F. Sommer, director of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division in Washington, D.C. "It will raise the monthly payment to 75 percent above the guaranteed baseline for these programs."

For example, an eligible payee with a $50 guaranteed monthly payment now will receive $87.50.

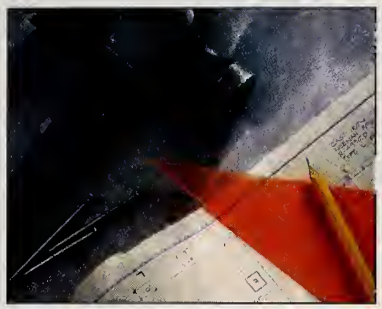
The Royal British Legion has launched a drive to build a nursing home for British veterans, mainly those who survived the evacuation at Dunkirk in 1940.

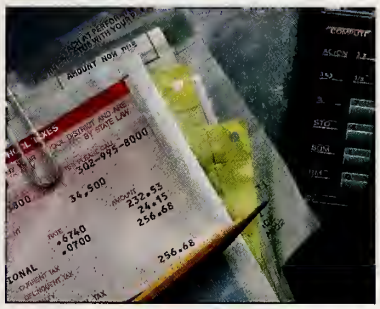
The facility will be called the Dunkirk Memorial Home, and it will provide round-the-clock nursing care for residents.

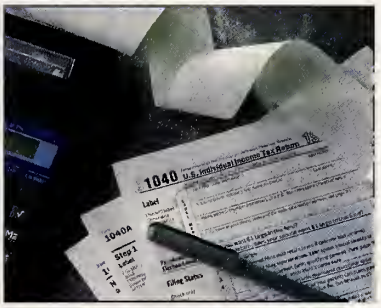
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A Network Of CARE

A new Legion program in four states helps Vietnam veterans and their families obtain services ranging from health care to counseling.



INTERFACE—***Andy Aelmore (r), chief of the Legion's VVFAP in Kansas, explains the range of services to Vietnam veteran John Schaefer.***

THE whump of mortars, the crash of artillery, the crack of an AK-47 are all silent. Yet, for some Vietnam veterans, the sounds, like nightmares, still echo. For Vietnam veterans like Charles Wombles of Hindman, Ky., coming home meant the war had just begun.

Wombles' difficulties are typical of the problems some Vietnam veterans have faced and are facing as an aftermath of the Vietnam War. Wombles suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). In many ways, it has turned his life and his family's life into a virtual combat zone. Wombles sought help from a number of sources, especially VA. What he found, instead, was red tape, buck passing and frustration. His situation and experiences, unfortunately, are all too often reflective of what many veterans have found in the "system" since their return.

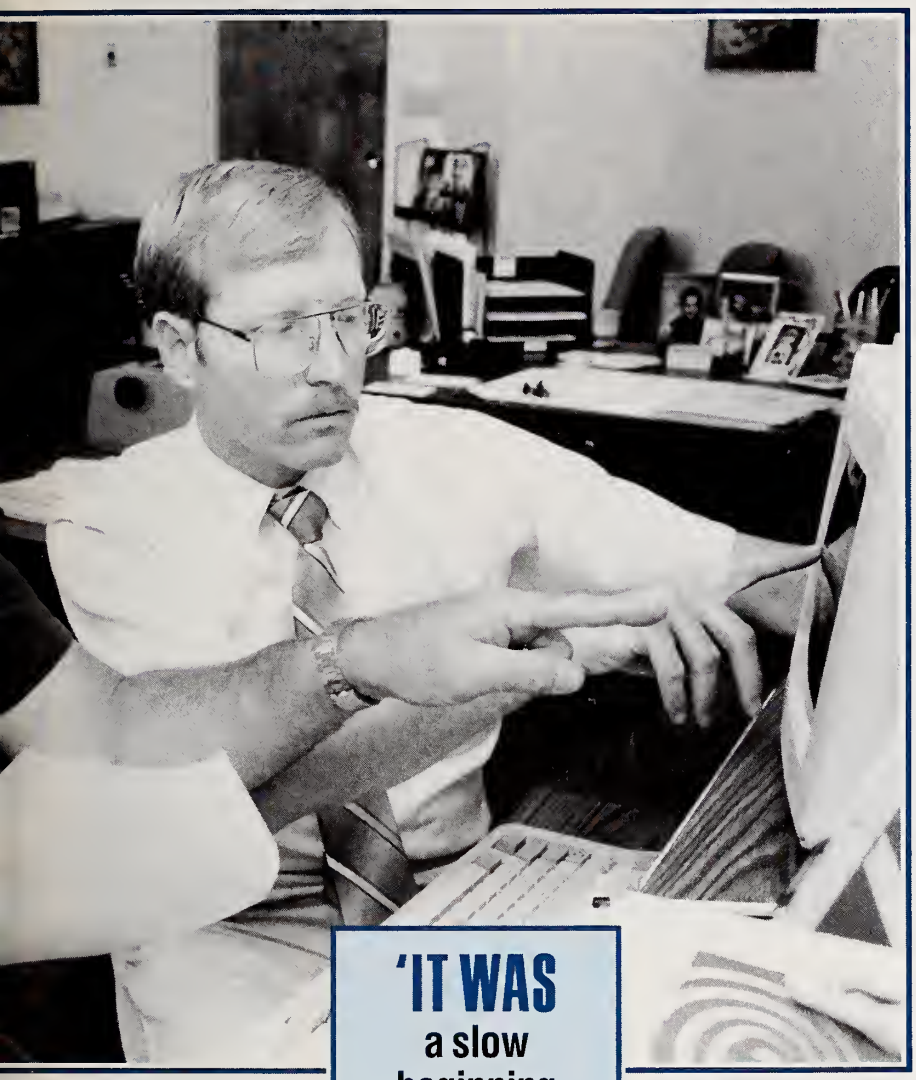
The American Legion has long been aware of this situation and has experimented with a number of ways to get help and information to veterans such as Wombles. In July 1989, one of the most promising programs the Legion has ever adopted was established: The American Legion Vietnam Veterans Family Assistance Program (VVFAP). The program was established as a result of a class action suit filed by a group of Vietnam veterans against six chemical manufacturers.

The suit was settled by arbitration out of court, and a portion of the $240 million was awarded directly to the veterans involved with the suit. Another portion was set aside to be paid out in the form of grants to organizations with specific programs to help Vietnam veterans, especially their families. The Legion applied to participate in The Agent Orange Class Assistance Program (AOCAP) and was awarded grant money.

The VVFAP is a network referral system for Vietnam veterans and their families. Participating Departments have computer listings of hundreds of agencies that offer specific types of help, ranging from counseling to medical assistance. Grant money pays the salary of the VVFAP's state coordinators and for the referral system, but participating Departments must supply a telephone, office space and a secretary. Moreover, any Department interested in hosting the program has to apply in writing to "buy in" to the program. Four Departments responded immediately—Pennsylvania, New York, Kansas and Kentucky.

But getting the funding was just the beginning. Each state coordinator had to find a way to spread the word to Vietnam veterans. Ken Miller, coordinator of the Kentucky VVFAP had a head start. The governor of Kentucky had campaigned on a platform that included an offer to Vietnam veterans of a belated state bonus to be paid from a fund generated by the state lottery. Miller had instant, ready access to Kentucky veterans—including Charles Wombles—when they applied for the bonus.

It wasn't that easy for Andy Aelmore, the Kansas VVFAP coordinator. "I



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approached the problem by contacting local Legion Posts, the District, the Department and even National Headquarters. National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle wrote a letter for us, promoting the program and requesting help at all levels to get the word out," Aelmore said. "It was a slow beginning," Aelmore admitted, "but we get more and more referrals every week."

Pennsylvania's VVFAP coordinator Fred Smith attacked the problem from a different direction. He issued press releases and sent thousands of letters to veterans' organizations, the news media and to other agencies. "I've had tremendous cooperation from other agencies, especially the United Way," said Smith. "We are literally referring to each other. If they find a veteran looking for help, they refer him to me. At the same time, they have a lot of programs that can help my veterans. Also, Pennsylvania has a number of active veterans' organizations and they are referring people to me as well."

In New York, the program is just getting started, and John Mooney, the VVFAP coordinator, has experienced some frustrations in getting the word out. He also sent out a vast number of press releases, but only a couple of newspapers used them. He has been in contact with New York Department leaders and they have promised to help.

"New York has one of the worst veterans' problems around," Mooney said. "We have a high incidence of unemployment and homelessness among our Vietnam veteran population. It's very hard to find a way to get the word to them that help is available." Mooney isn't waiting for the cavalry. He already is in the process of making personal visits to homeless shelters and is calling on Posts, soup kitchens and other sources to help pass the word.

Walter D. Stone is the Legion's National Project Director of VVFAP. He and Richard S. Christian Jr., an American Legion consultant on Agent Orange, agree that spreading the word is vital. Christian also offered another reason to support the VVFAP. "With all the cutbacks taking place within VA right now," he said, "it is certain that within the next few years, many veterans who are now receiving aid from VA are going to be cut off from these services. In fact, it's already happening. The VVFAP has special meaning to them."

Stone said the AOCAP grants that fund VVFAP only can be expected to continue two to three years. For this reason the Legion is looking at other potential sources of funding, both from within the Legion family and from private sources. The network for the referral service already is in place. Once the requirements of the court are satisfied, the system is expected to continue, and can be opened up to provide these services to all veterans, regardless of their era of service.

But the success of VVFAP is already obvious. Charles Wombles is receiving counseling for PTSD and he and his wife also are receiving counseling to help them cope with the problems PTSD has created. Wombles' son, who suffers from a learning dysfunction, is being evaluated at a university hospital not far from their rural Kentucky home.

"Out here, we don't hear much about The American Legion," Wombles said. "But my family and I have found out it's just about the best organization going."

In Kansas, a Vietnam veteran and father of three daughters who are victims of multiple sclerosis (MS) has found help to get his eldest daughter into college on a scholarship that includes special care and equipment a MS victim requires.

Another veteran's son, a high-school dropout, was born without heels. The VVFAP found help for him. Surgery was performed and tendons from a goat were used. Today, the 17 year old is walking and doing well in school, too.

"Six more Departments have indi-

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MARCHING THROUGH MOSCOW



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DUET—*Dorothy Hill (l), leader of the Waltham Post 156 marching band, teaches a Soviet woman veteran the words to "God Bless America."*

LIKE an American Beauty rose thriving in a Siberian snowstorm, The American Legion Post 156 Band of Waltham, Mass., and its director Dorothy "Dottie" Hill may have seemed out of place among the 35 Soviet bands in the Victory Day Parade May 9. But the band thrived on the Soviet people's hearty welcome.

Marching behind the U.S. Flag on Gorky Street in Moscow, the 70-member band played such all-American tunes as *I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy* and *God Bless America* in the Soviet Union's annual celebration of the end of World War II.

"It was a historic moment," said PNC John "Jake" P. Comer of Quincy, Mass., who accompanied the band on its 10-day tour. "I've been to 18 countries, to Nicaragua, had an audience with the Pope John Paul II, visited the Oval Office with Presidents Reagan and Bush. I've done everything—but nothing as moving as this."

Cheers of "Bravo, Americans!" greeted the effervescent Hill and the band as Soviets handed bouquets of roses and carnations to the Americans whenever the parade stopped. Thousands jammed Gorky Street and Red Square to hear the band and to clap to *Stars and Stripes Forever* and *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and the crowd stood at respectful attention when the band played the U.S. and Soviet national anthems.

"IT was very emotional," Hill said. "It far exceeded our expectations. I don't think I was ever hugged as much before in my life. They are normal people like us."

Among those they met was a Soviet general who stood next to Comer and quietly cried as the Post 156 Band played the Soviet national anthem. When the song ended, the general told Comer: "I thought I'd never see this day come."

During the band's concert in Red Square after the parade, Hill let a 99-year-old Soviet woman conduct the band, and then Hill danced with the woman to the music in the crowded square.

The band's Red Square performance concluded three years of relentless work by Hill, who solely promoted and organized the goodwill tour to the Soviet Union. When she started researching the possibility of taking the band to the Soviet Union in 1987, she didn't know how to begin. Because of the eight-hour time difference between the United States and the USSR, Hill spent many late nights and early mornings on the telephone, finding ways around barriers. Eventually, after convincing a Soviet telephone operator to assist her, Hill arranged the tour through the Soviet Union's Peace Commission.

Folders stuffed with clips and notes chronicle Hill's efforts, including how she overcame the Soviets' initial distrust and fear.

"Sometimes in the middle of a conversation, they would ask, 'Are you government?' or 'How we know you are you?' After I sent them clips about me and the band, they confirmed it, 'You are you,'" Hill said with a laugh.

The Soviets also eased their suspicions after learning that Hill is a WWII veteran, having served in the Coast Guard from 1943 to 1946. Hill continued to pursue the project to promote world peace, and her persistence prevailed.

During a ceremony in the Peace Committee headquarters, committee chairman Genrik Borovik praised Hill as a "remarkable, wonderful woman. I'm happy that she broke the American bureaucracy and the Soviet bureaucracy."

In addition to the Moscow concerts, the band's bureaucracy-breaking, 5,000-mile trip included performances in Leningrad and Frankfurt, West Germany.

The band, whose members range in age from 17 to 82, is composed of veterans and non-veterans alike. Band members on the tour were accompanied by 80 friends and relatives.

"As veterans, Legionnaires are in a better position to know what war has done to our nation and other countries of the world," Hill said. "I never want to see another war; that's the reason we went on this tour.

Impromptu concerts outside the band's hotels provided, perhaps, a prophetic conclusion to the tour. As passers-by stopped to listen, Hill and other band members taught the Soviets the words to "*God Bless America.*" □

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HELPING HAND— ***Antonia Balfour (r) discusses her scholarship application with J. Wainwright Love, a board director of the Post 12 college-aid program.***

MECHANICAL engineering courses and daily soccer practice occupy Yale University sophomore Elliot Rothstein's days. But two years ago, Rothstein's Ivy League paper chase almost ended before it began.

Enduring the financial throes of starting a business, Elliot's father, Arnold, would have been hard pressed to afford the Yale tuition, even though the university had already accepted Elliot. But the scholarship and loan fund created by Post 12 of West Palm Beach, Fla., gave Elliot a loan and a chance to pursue the education of his choice.

"We couldn't have sent him to Yale without Post 12," Arnold Rothstein said. "The loan proved to be the difference. The Post's scholarship program is not only important because of the money, but also because of the confidence it inspires in the students. The Post creates an environment for high academic performance."

The Rothsteins should know. Daughter Emily also received help from the Post 12 Scholarship Fund to complete her education in veterinary medicine. She now works in an Albany, N.Y., veterinary hospital.

During the past 30 years, the Post has helped more than 1,000 Palm Beach County students like the Rothsteins with about $1 million in financial assistance. This past year, the Post 12 Scholarship Fund awarded 27 grants and gave 55 loans worth $95,000.

"This 30-year commitment to the youth and community of Palm Beach County is as important to the 250 members of Post 12 as the Legion's national dedication to God and country," said Post 12 Commander Robert E. Kuehnel. "The scholarship fund is typical of the kind of traditional American values held so dearly by Legionnaires."

The fund is managed by a 10-member, all-volunteer board of Legionnaires that determines the recipients of the grants and loans and how much is allocated. Students residing in Palm Beach County who are U.S. citizens of good moral character and in need of financial assistance are eligible for up to $2,500 per academic year. There is no limit on courses of study, and students may apply for any U.S. college or university graduate or undergraduate program.

Applicants are interviewed by a board member and their applications are reviewed by the entire board. Some board members, like R.K. Kramer, the fund's secretary-treasurer, have been serving on the board for many years.

"I know what it's like to go through college without money," said Kramer, who is a 30-year board member. "It's tough. That's why we're interested in helping students get the money they need and deserve."

KRAMER helped establish the fund in 1960 with unused money from a Post memorial project. Starting with $2,500, the fund began by awarding small grants and loans, but after receiving endowments, the fund has increased its scholarship awards to between $80,000 and $90,000 per year.

About 200 students are currently paying back loans to the Post fund, which offers interest rates less than the current market rates. According to Kramer, the fund has a very low default rate because the students appreciate the loans. The fund is self-perpetuating because of the endowments and accruing interest on loan repayments. The money Elliot and other students repay to the fund will provide future students with money.

"This program is a very vital, important and integral function of our Post," fund president Jack Eassa said. "And it is unique because of the number of years the program has been sustained. Sometimes it seems too good to be true. There are so many needy and deserving students."

Eassa said there's no gain beyond personal satisfaction for the board members and other Legionnaires involved in the program. "It's just so rewarding to see a kid come back from school and see the progress he makes. Legionnaires ought to be out there doing projects like this. We shouldn't ask what we can do for ourselves, but what we can do for our communities." □

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Town Ordinance Puts Heat On Would-be U.S. Flag Burners

THE U.S. Flag may not be protected by a constitutional amendment yet, but residents of Douglass, Kan., through the Douglass City Council, are trying to protect the flag with an amendment to an open-burning ordinance.

According to an amendment passed last summer, the U.S. Flag is among the materials that cannot be burned openly.

"The people of Douglass want to protect the flag," said Mayor Ron Howard, who is also adjutant of American Legion Post 202, Douglass. "We passed the ordinance to tell other cities that they have laws like this they can use to protect the flag."

Since passing the ordinance, Howard said the city has received many cards, letters and phone calls supporting the action. "We were just frustrated with the Supreme Court and Congress and wanted to do something to protect the flag," Howard said. "A Gallup Poll stated that more than 70 percent of Americans want at least the chance to vote on an amendment to protect the flag. If Congress won't allow a vote, then this is what the residents of Douglass have to do to protect the flag."

At press time, Kansas Attorney General Bob Stephan was reviewing the ordinance, which makes it illegal to cause, allow or permit open burning of any material, including the U.S. Flag, in Douglass.

The open-burning ordinance was amended to prohibit "The burning of any materials (including the flag of the United States of America) wherein air contaminants resulting from combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber . . . ."

The City Council considered the amendment after members of the local Boy Scouts and Legion Post 202 questioned whether the open-burning law included all materials, even materials used to make the U.S. Flag. Violators of the Douglass open-burning ordinance may be fined up to $500 or jailed for up to six months, or both.



WAR GAMES—*About 500,000 GIs trained in Louisiana under Patton and Bradley.*

Guard Recalls La. Training

WITH U.S. involvement in World War II impending, the U.S. Army began conducting preparatory military maneuvers in central Louisiana in 1940. The Louisiana National Guard will commemorate the 50th anniversary of those all-important preparations with ceremonies on Oct. 20-21 at Camp Beauregard, La., now a model Army National Guard training site. Also planned is a reunion for those who were stationed in the area and who were trained at local camps.

About 500,000 troops participated in the 1940-42 Louisiana maneuvers, which also taught prominent commanders, including Gens. George Patton, Dwight Eisenhower and Omar Bradley, how to deploy and maneuver troops against enemy forces.

Hertz Wins Legion Scouting Honors

KARL E. Hertz of Malvern, Iowa, reached the zenith in Scouting when he was named The American Legion Scout of the Year for 1990.

Based on his Scouting, scholastic, religious and community service achievements, Hertz was awarded an $8,000 scholarship in addition to an all-expenses-paid trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis.

Hertz, 18, a member of Boy Scout Troop 242 sponsored by Post 520 of Malvern, earned his Eagle Award in October 1989. He was the senior class president of Malvern Community High School, where he lettered in band and chorus, in addition to being a member of the National Honor Society, Drama Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Spanish Club, Science Club and a student education assistant and tutor.

The three runners-up, who each received $2,000 scholarships, are Paul E. Harris, 17, Tremonton, Utah; Christopher A. Ude, 16, Pulaski, Tenn.; and Joseph A. Finnerty, 16, Forest Hill, Md.



Karl E. Hertz

PNC Comer Appointed To War Memorial Board

PRESIDENT George Bush appointed PNC John P. "Jake" Comer of Massachusetts to the Korean War Memorial Advisory Board, effective May 30.

"This appointment is a great honor," said Comer, who served in the Air Force as a communications specialist during the Korean War. "This long overdue memorial will deservedly honor the 5.7 million veterans who fought in the Korean War."

Chaired by Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, USA (Ret.), the 12-member board is responsible for fund raising for the memorial. The memorial design depicts 38, eight-foot tall, combat-equipped statues advancing in two lines toward a standard supporting a U.S. Flag. The standard will be in a semicircular memorial plaza framed by a row of hedges and a wall with sculptures depicting the history of the Korean War. The memorial will be located southeast of the Lincoln Memorial, near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

At press time, no construction date had been set, and about half of the $10 million needed to fund the memorial had been raised.



John P. "Jake" Comer

Send donations to the Korean War Memorial Fund/ABMC, P.O. Box 2372, Washington, DC 20013-2372.

Observing POW-MIA Day

POWs and MIAs from all U.S. wars are remembered year-round by their friends and families, but on Sept. 21 the nation remembers them, too.

Flags will fly on National POW/MIA Recognition Day over the White House, the departments of State, Defense and Veterans Affairs, the Selective Services System headquarters, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Also during the week of Sept. 17-21, the Legion and the government will conduct other POW/MIA remembrances and ceremonies.

1990 Child Welfare Foundation Grants Hit $300,000

THE American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Inc. (CWF) awarded almost $300,000 in 1990 to 10 nonprofit organizations for projects and programs that educate and assist our nation's children.

Receiving CWF funds were:

• The American Legion Department of Virginia, which received $16,000 for the "Teens! Pregnancies and Problems."

• The American Legion National Commission on Children & Youth received $34,000 for "Meeting The Demand," a project designed to increase the amount of commission brochures available to volunteers.

• American Legion Post 20 of Russellville, Ark., received $28,700 for "A Mark Against Time," which is a nationwide project distributing bookmarks with anti-drug slogans to 1.5 million students.

• The Aplastic Anemia Foundation of America, Baltimore, Md., which received $22,000 for "Helping The Parent/Educating The Public and Professional," a program which informs patients, medical professionals and the public about Aplastic Anemia.

• The Epilepsy Foundation of America, Landover, Md., which received $18,300 to produce "I Have Epilepsy Too," a video promoting the acceptance of children with epilepsy.

• The International Rett Syndrome Association, Fort Washington, Md., which received $12,100 for "Project Awareness: What is Rett Syndrome?" a video production to help identify thousands of misdiagnosed Rett Syndrome patients nationwide.

• The National Crime Prevention Council, Washington, D.C., which received $14,000 for "Substance Abuse Prevention Packet for Teens."

• The National Federation TARGET Program, Inc., Kansas City, Mo., which received $49,200 for "On Target: Putting It All Together," a publication to help elementary school teachers teach drug abuse prevention.

• The National Neurofibromatosis Foundation Inc., Tallahassee, Fla., which received $39,300 for "Achieving In Spite Of...," a program that helps parents and teachers recognize and assist children with neurofibromatosis learning disabilities.

• The University of Pennsylvania and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Philadelphia, which received $59,500 for "Program Effectiveness of the Empower Program," a booklet on child sexual abuse prevention.

Since its founding in 1954, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Inc. has awarded more than $3 million to organizations that help America's children.

Remembering our war dead . . . a tribute to women veterans . . . a chronicle of Vietnam homecomings . . . a tradition that continues . . . 'last man' honored.

In the United States and overseas, Legionnaires like the members of Shefford Post EG01 of London, England, honor war dead. Members of the



Post visited five memorial and grave sites, including the American Cemetery at Cambridge last November to conduct wreath-laying ceremonies.

"The Shefford Post shows that The American Legion remembers the sacrifices of U.S. veterans, no matter where their final resting place may be," said Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling.

In 1919, Post 272 of Rockaway Beach, N.Y., raised money to build a "Doughboy" monument to honor those who died during World War I. Since then, the Post has added plaques honoring those who gave their lives in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Post 272 recently dedicated another memorial, the Women Veterans Monument.

As the major project of the We Supported Our Men in Vietnam Inc., a half-hour video titled "At Home With Honor" chronicles homecomings of Vietnam veterans from immediately after the war to more recent events.



Serving as the directors for this corporation that provides support for parades, homecomings and other such events for Vietnam veterans, are three Department of New York Legionnaires: Raymond Gimmler, Post 985; Frank J. D'Amico, Post 930; and John Connolly Jr., Post 303.

The patriotic, not-for-profit New York State corporation was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal for excellence in activities and programs by the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.

As part of a tradition that started five years ago with only a few flags, 143 flags waved in the breeze at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery during the Memo-



rial Day tribute to veterans by Post 116 of Goldendale, Wash. In addition to the large flags that lined the roads in the cemetery, Post 116 Legionnaires also decorated individual veterans' graves with small flags.

Salem T. Sanyour did indeed, get the last, although bittersweet, laugh. Sanyour, a member of Post 144 of Highland Springs, Va., is the last member alive of the Last Man's Club, formed 47 years ago by Sanyour and his WWI veteran friends.

"We laughed at death," Sanyour said, explaining the purpose of the club, which was to see who among the 33 founders would live the longest. This year, Sanyour became the last member, celebrating the spirit of his friends with a party in their honor.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



Robert P. McSpadden

SLOW down Robert P. McSpadden long enough to ask him about his Legion and community involvement, and he might modestly tell you about a dozen or more activities. But the 58-year-old member of Dale Peace Post 40, Vinita, Okla., doesn't have much time for talk.

Never a time-waster, McSpadden joined the Legion in 1954 immediately after his discharge from the Air Force, where he served as a B-29 gunner. A Sunday school teacher, speaker and bank employee, McSpadden found time to recruit 121 members in 1989 and earned the honor of Department of Oklahoma "Legionnaire of the Year." In addition to his recruiting efforts, McSpadden's Post leadership roles have amounted to an almost full-time job: He serves as the Post adjutant, public relations chairman and concessions chairman for the rodeo.

"All the activities and planning takes a lot of time and sweat," McSpadden said, "and sometimes I feel nuts to do it all, but when I see people benefiting from programs, such as baseball, it gives me a great deal of satisfaction."

He has helped youths battle drug abuse and is the chairman of the Craig County Red Feather Fund Drive, which raised more than its goal of $35,000 for local non-profit groups.

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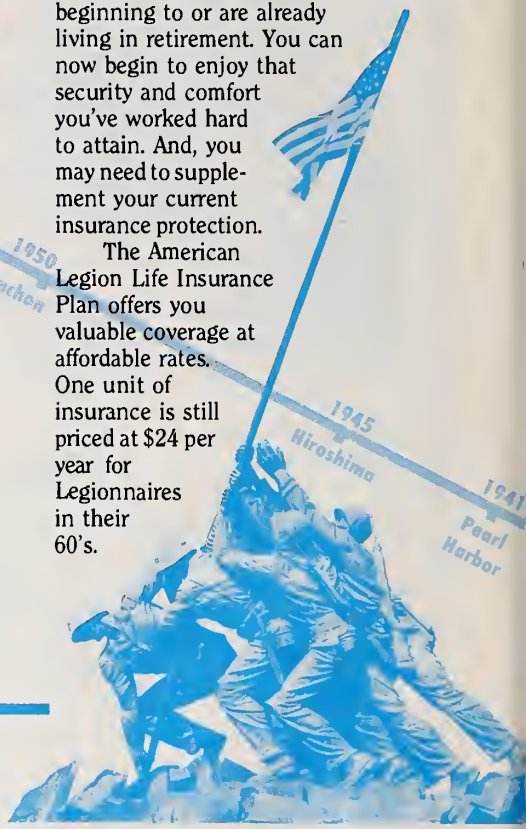
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From offensive art to flag burning, America's culture elite has worked to mislead us into equating community standards with censorship.

THE U.S. political arena is beginning to look like a traveling circus. In center ring, the world-famous American flag-burning controversy. Ring left, we feature a national argument over the sex-drenched lyrics of a rap group called 2 Live Crew. And in the arts circle there's a nonstop pitched battle over the erotic photographs of Robert Mapplethorpe.

The news outlets that describe and in a sense do the promotion for the actors in these controversies tend to define them in the same basic terms. It's always a confrontation between right-wing zealots on one side and free thinkers and First-Amendment advocates on the other. In a Flag Day parade in Chicago last week, one sign read: "Make Our Day—Try and Burn These Flags, Pinkos," while in front of the city's Art Institute the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade did burn flags.

When a Cincinnati objects to photos of Robert Mapplethorpe's most private behavior or when a Chicago objects to an artist at the local Art Institute laying out the American flag as a foot-wipe, the signal coming off nearly every news account in the land of these disagreements is that folks in Cincinnati and Chicago reflect some tight-lipped, up-from-the-swamps provincialism. And, the story line continues, if truth is to prevail, media pressure and a congenial judge will send them scuttling home, tails between their legs.



WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

SPEAK OUT — *In 1989, several protested a Chicago Art Institute exhibit of a U.S. Flag displayed on the floor.*

To a great extent, many of these controversies are largely scams. They exist because the people who organize them know that the press and the people in the TV business will provide publicity. The Broward County, Florida, legal system hasn't made 2 Live Crew rich and famous; the media have. All such a group has to do is manage to get arrested, and the media moguls will descend on them with millions in free advertising. But of course, the newspapers defending the 2 Live Crew lyrics or the Mapplethorpe photographs somehow desist from inflicting them on their readers.

It's been fun, but maybe it's time to recognize that something more complex is going on than yet another First Amendment dispute. We'll admit that some of these issues arrive in difficult shades of gray, but how did it ever happen that it is now a settled "right" to spend public money to promote Robert Mapplethorpe's bullwhip photographs, but an indisputable "crime" to spend public money on prayer in a school. Somehow, it seems to us, the country's basic social and political principles have left the tracks.

Or rather, perhaps, the principles of the country's largely self-appointed elites have fundamentally diverged from the broader public's. Our sense is that the broader public wants some sense of community; it feels the community has a right to set some standards. As Harlem political leader Basil Patterson said recently: "Everything has gotten so crude. You hear it in the streets all the time, and not just there. In some of the music you hear now, and on television." Standards, of course, imply that some are left in and some are left out; some things are allowed, some are not. It is sometimes called having a sense of judgment.

Against this, elite culture in the United States over the past 20 years has developed the position, and presses it every time one of these flaps arises, that community standards equate with majority repression of anything that is individual, iconoclastic, experimental, free. What is primarily at work here is an assault on the notion of community standards. It is an attempt to eliminate all the practices and procedures that civil society in the United States has established to define itself.

What's more, this mind-set has its own internal censorship. Many common-sense liberals have discovered that they are expected to adhere to a seamless web of ideological commitments—flag-burning as politics, Sierra Club environmentalism, the most extremely militant gay rights, militant women's rights, animal rights, sexual display as art, unlimited abortion. Liberals are not only not allowed to deviate from the claims of their most extreme members on any of these matters, they will be denounced or driven out if they do. And so Congress' hapless Democrats end up making a no-win defense of flag burners.

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How Your Congressmen Voted On

THE FLAG AMENDMENT



CONTRARY to the belief of some politicians, the memory of the American people is not short. If the politicians who voted against this amendment think they can abandon the flag in June, kiss babies in September and be re-elected in November, they are mistaken."—National Commander Miles S. Epling

Following are the roll-call votes conducted in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. On June 21, the House voted 254-177 to pass H.J. Res. 350, a constitutional amendment to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. Flag. On June 26, the Senate voted 58-42 in favor of a similar amendment, S.J. Res. 332. Even though a majority in both houses voted for sending the amendment to the states, the resolution failed because neither received the required two-thirds majority.

Members Of The House Of Representatives Who Voted For The Flag Amendment

ALABAMA: Bevill (D), Browder (D), Callahan (R), Dickinson (R), Erdreich (D), Flippo (D), Harris (D). **ALASKA:** Young (R). **ARIZONA:** Kyl (R), Rhodes (R), Stump (R). **ARKANSAS:** Alexander (D), Hammerschmidt (R), Robinson (D). **CALIFORNIA:** Campbell (R), Condit (D), Cox (R), Dannemeyer (R), Dornan (R), Dreier (R), Gallegly (R), Herger (R), Hunter (R), Lagomarsino (R), Lewis (R), Lowery (R), Martinez (D), McCandless (R), Moorhead (R), Packard (R), Pashayan (R), Rohrabacher (R), Shumway (R), Thomas (R). **COLORADO:** Brown (R), Campbell (D), Hefley (R), Schaefer (R). **CONNECTICUT:** Rowland (R). **FLORIDA:** Bennett (D), Bilirakis (R), Goss (R), Grant (R), Hutto (D), Ireland (R), James (R), Lewis (R), McCollum (R), Nelson (D), Ros-Lehtinen (R), Shaw (R), Stearns (R), Young (R). **GEORGIA:** Barnard (D), Darden (D), Gingrich (R), Hatcher (D), Jenkins (D), Ray (D), Rowland (D), Thomas (D). **HAWAII:** Saiki (R). **IDAHO:** Craig (R), Stallings (D). **ILLINOIS:** Annunzio (D), Costello (D), Crane (R), Fawell (R), Hastert (R), Hyde (R), Lipinski (D), Madigan (R), Martin (R), Michel (R), Sangmeister (D). **INDIANA:** Burton (R), Hiler (R), Long (D), Myers (R), Sharp (D). **IOWA:** Lightfoot (R), Tauke (R). **KANSAS:** Meyers (R), Roberts (R), Whittaker (R). **KENTUCKY:** Bunning (R), Hopkins (R) Hubbard (D), Mazzoli (D), Natcher (D), Perkins (D), Rogers (R). **LOUISIANA:** Baker (R), Hayes (D), Holloway (R), Huckaby (D), Livingston (R), McCrery (R), Tauzin (D). **MAINE:** Snowe (R). **MARYLAND:** Bentley (R), Byron (D), Dyson (D), McMillen (D). **MASSACHUSETTS:** Donnelly (D), Moakley (D), Neal (D). **MICHIGAN:** Broomfield (R), Davis (R), Pursell (R), Schuette (R), Traxler (D), Upton (R), Vander Jagt (R). **MINNESOTA:** Frenzel (R), Stangeland (R), Weber (R). **MISSISSIPPI:** Montgomery (D), Parker (D), Taylor (D), Whitten (D). **MISSOURI:** Buechner (R), Emerson (R), Hancock (R), Skelton (D), Volkmer (D). **MONTANA:** Marlenee (R). **NEBRASKA:** Bereuter (R), Smith (R). **NEVADA:** Bilbray (D), Vucanovich (R). **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Douglas (R), Smith (R). **NEW JERSEY:** Courter (R), Gallo (R), Guarini (D), Pallone (D), Rinaldo (R), Roe (D), Roukema (R), Saxton (R), Smith (R). **NEW MEXICO:** Richardson (D), Schiff (R), Skeen (R). **NEW YORK:** Boehlert (R), Fish (R), Gilman (R), Hochbrueckner (D), Horton (R), Lent (R), Manton (D), Martin (R), McGrath (R), McNulty (D), Molinari (R), Paxon (R), Solomon (R), Walsh (R). **NORTH CAROLINA:** Ballenger (R), Coble (R), Clarke (D), Hefner (D), Jones (D), Lancaster (D), McMillan (R). **OHIO:** Applegate (D), DeWine (R), Eckart (D), Gillmor

(R), Gradison (R), Kasich (R), Luken (D), Lukens (R), McEwen (R), Miller (R), Oxley (R), Regula (R), Traficant (D), Wylie (R). **OKLAHOMA:** Edwards (R), English (D), Inhofe (R), Watkins (D). **OREGON:** D. Smith (R), R. Smith (R). **PENNSYLVANIA:** Coughlin (R), Gaydos (D), Gekas (R), Goodling (R), Kanjorski (D), Kolter (D), McDade (R), Murphy (D), Murtha (D), Ridge (R), Ritter (R), Schulze (R), Shuster (R), Walker (R), Weldon (R), Yatron (D). **RHODE ISLAND:** Machtley (R). **SOUTH CAROLINA:** Derrick (D), Patterson (D), Ravenel (R), Spence (R). **SOUTH DAKOTA:** Johnson (D). **TENNESSEE:** Clement (D), Duncan (R), Lloyd (D), Quillen (R), Sundquist (R). **TEXAS:** Andrews (D), Archer (R), Armey (R), Bartlett (R), Barton (R), Brooks (D), Bustamante (D), Chapman (D), Combest (R), de la Garza (D), DeLay (R), Fields (R), Geren (D), Laughlin (D), Leath (D), Ortiz (D), Sarpalius (D), Smith (R), Wilson (D). **UTAH:** Hansen (R), Nielson (R). **VIRGINIA:** Bateman (R), Bliley (R), Olin (D), Parris (R), Payne (D), Pickett (D), Sisisky (D), Slaughter (R), Wolf (R). **WASHINGTON:** Miller (R), Morrison (R). **WEST VIRGINIA:** Mollohan (D), Rahall (D), Staggers (D), Wise (D). **WISCONSIN:** Gunderson (R), Roth (R), Sensenbrenner (R). **WYOMING:** Thomas (R).

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ARIZONA: Kolbe (R), Udall (D). **ARKANSAS:** Anthony (D). **CALIFORNIA:** Anderson (D), Bates (D), Beilenson (D), Berman (D), Bosco (D), Boxer (D), Brown (D), Dellums (D), Dixon (D), Dymally (D), Edwards (D), Fazio (D), Hawkins (D), Lantos (D), Lehman (D), Levine (D), Matsui (D), Miller (D), Mineta (D), Panetta (D), Pelosi (D), Roybal (D), Stark (D), Torres (D), Waxman (D). **COLORADO:** Schroeder (D), Skaggs (D). **CONNECTICUT:** Gejdenson (D), Johnson (R), Kennelly (D), Morrison (D), Shays (R). **DELAWARE:** Carper (D). **FLORIDA:** Fascell (D), Gibbons (D), Johnston (D), Lehman (D), Smith (D). **GEORGIA:** Jones (D), Lewis (D). **ILLINOIS:** Bruce (D), Collins (D), Durbin (D), Evans (D), Hayes (D), Porter (R), Poshard (D), Rostenkowski (D), Russo (D), Savage (D), Yates (D). **INDIANA:** Hamilton (D), Jontz (D), McCloskey (D), Visclosky (D). **IOWA:** Grandy (R), Leach (R), Nagle (D), Smith (D). **KANSAS:** Glickman (D), Slattery (D). **LOUISIANA:** Boggs (D). **MAINE:** Brennan (D). **MARYLAND:** Cardin (D), Hoyer (D), Mfume (D), Morella (R). **MASSACHUSETTS:** Atkins (D), Conte (R), Early (D), Frank (D), Kennedy (D), Markey (D), Mavroules (D), Studds (D). **MICHIGAN:** Bonior (D), Carr (D), Conyers (D), Crockett (D), Dingell (D), Ford (D), Henry (R), Hertel (D), Kildee (D), Levin (D), Wolpe (D). **MINNESOTA:** Oberstar (D), Penny (D), Sabo (D), Sikorski (D), Vento (D). **MISSISSIPPI:** Espy (D). **MISSOURI:** Clay (D), Coleman (R), Gephardt (D), Wheat (D). **MONTANA:** Williams (D). **NEBRASKA:** Hoagland (D). **NEW JERSEY:** Dwyer (D), Hughes (D), Payne (D), Torricelli (D). **NEW YORK:** Ackerman (D), Downey (D), Engel (D), Flake (D), Green (R), Houghton (R), LaFalce (D), Lowey (D), McHugh (D), Mrazek (D), Nowak (D), Owens (D), Scheuer (D), Schumer (D), Serrano (D), Slaughter (D), Solarz (D), Towns (D), Weiss (D). **NORTH CAROLINA:** Neal (D), Price (D), Rose (D), Valentine (D). **NORTH DAKOTA:** Dorgan (D). **OHIO:** Feighan (D), Hall (D), Kaptur (D), Oakar (D), Sawyer (D), Stokes (D). **OKLAHOMA:** McCurdy (D), Synar (D). **OREGON:** AuCoin (D), DeFazio (D), Wyden (D). **PENNSYLVANIA:** Borski (D), Clinger (R), Coyne (D), Foglietta (D), Gray (D), Kostmayer (D), Walgren (D). **RHODE ISLAND:** Schneider (R). **SOUTH CAROLINA:** Spratt (D), Tallon (D). **TENNESSEE:** Cooper (D), Ford (D), Gordon (D), Tanner (D). **TEXAS:** Bryant (D), Coleman (D), Frost (D), Gonzalez (D), Pickle (D), Stenholm (D), Washington (D). **UTAH:** Owens (D). **VERMONT:** Smith (R). **VIRGINIA:** Boucher (D). **WASHINGTON:** Chandler (R), Dicks (D), Foley (D), McDermott (D), Swift (D), Unsoeld (D). **WISCONSIN:** Aspin (D), Kastenmeier (D), Kleczka (D), Moody (D), Obey (D), Petri (R).

House Members Who Did Not Vote

NEW YORK: Rangel (D). **TEXAS:** Hall (D).

Members Of The Senate Who Voted For The Flag Amendment

ALABAMA: Heflin (D), Shelby (D). **ALASKA:** Murkowski (R), Stevens (R). **ARIZONA:** DeConcini (D), McCain (R). **CALIFORNIA:** Wilson (R). **COLORADO:** Armstrong (R). **DELAWARE:** Roth (R). **FLORIDA:** Graham (D), Mack (R). **GEORGIA:** Fowler (D), Nunn (D). **IDAHO:** McClure (R), Symms (R). **ILLINOIS:** Dixon (D). **INDIANA:** Coats (R) Lugar (R). **IOWA:** Grassley (R). **KANSAS:** Dole (R), Kassebaum (R). **KENTUCKY:** Ford (D), McConnell (R). **LOUISIANA:** Breaux (D), Johnston (D). **MAINE:** Cohen (R). **MINNESOTA:** Boschwitz (R). **MISSISSIPPI:** Cochran (R), Lott (R). **MISSOURI:** Bond (R). **MONTANA;** Burns (R), Baucus (D). **NEBRASKA:** Exon (D). **NEVADA:** Bryan (D), Reid (D). **NEW MEXICO:** Domenici (R). **NEW YORK:** D'Amato (R). **NORTH CAROLINA:** Helms (R). **NORTH DAKOTA:** Burdick (D), Conrad (D). **OKLAHOMA:** Nickles (R). **OREGON:** Hatfield (R). **PENNSYLVANIA:** Heinz (R), Specter (R). **SOUTH CAROLINA:** Hollings (D), Thurmond (R). **SOUTH DAKOTA:** Pressler (R). **TEXAS:** Bentsen (D), Gramm (R). **UTAH:** Garn (R), Hatch (R). **VIRGINIA:** Warner (R). **WASHINGTON:** Gorton (R). **WEST VIRGINIA:** Byrd (D), Rockefeller (D). **WISCONSIN:** Kasten (R). **WYOMING:** Simpson (R), Wallop (R).

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ARKANSAS: Bumpers (D), Pryor (D). **CALIFORNIA:** Cranston (D). **COLORADO:** Wirth (D). **CONNECTICUT:** Dodd (D), Lieberman (D). **DELAWARE:** Biden (D). **HAWAII:** Inouye (D), Akaka (D). **ILLINOIS:** Simon (D). **IOWA:** Harkin (D). **MAINE:** Mitchell (D). **MARYLAND:** Mikulski (D), Sarbanes (D). **MASSACHUSETTS:** Kennedy (D), Kerry (D). **MICHIGAN:** Levin (D), Riegle (D). **MINNESOTA:** Durenberger (R). **MISSOURI:** Danforth (R). **NEBRASKA:** Kerrey (D). **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Humphrey (R), Rudman (R). **NEW JERSEY:** Bradley (D), Lautenberg (D). **NEW MEXICO:** Bingaman (D). **NEW YORK:** Moynihan (D). **NORTH CAROLINA:** Sanford (D). **OHIO:** Glenn (D) Metzenbaum (D). **OKLAHOMA:** Boren (D). **OREGON:** Packwood (R). **RHODE ISLAND:** Chafee (R), Pell (D). **SOUTH DAKOTA:** Daschle (D). **TENNESSEE:** Gore (D), Sasser (D). **VERMONT:** Jeffords (R), Leahy (D). **VIRGINIA:** Robb (D). **WASHINGTON:** Adams (D). **WISCONSIN:** Kohl (D).

OUR VALUES

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It is something of a paradox that these are the people who claim to be defending independent thinking. For example it is they, in the torrent of lobbying and reporting around funding "controversial" programs at the National Endowment for the Arts, who claim to be holding back the booboisie from the gates of late 20th-century culture, represented by the chocolate woman Karen Finley (formerly the yam woman), Andres Serrano's "Piss Christ," and 2 Live Crew. Culture? Are these people kidding?

Further, it is simply foolish to believe that refusing to give public grants to a Karen Finley is the first step on a slippery slope to banning "Ulysses." No one is talking about community standards that legalize oppressions such as separate racial drinking fountains. They are looking for standards that help the community's members with the task of moving forward in a complex world with a moral and political compass. Denying the community's right to press its views on flag burning or public obscenity because it might hamper someone's "individual rights" is to obliterate the very ideal of judgment. Just who are the yahoos here?

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Sooner or later the political and intellectual leadership of this country has to wake up to the fact that this constant, recurring tension between these extreme positions and the American middle class is about something other than the First Amendment. The flag's man-on-the-street defenders know that their battle is about something larger than just the flag itself. And they know that each time the courts, politicians and press combine to defeat their claims to mainstream values, civil life in this country somehow ends up more corrosive and antagonistic.

We agree that there's something preposterous about amending the Constitution to prohibit flag burning, but no more preposterous than the mind-set of court rulings that make such lengths necessary. It is in fact a relatively harmless way of telling the courts and the intelligentsia they have tilted too far against community standards. A community has *some* rights, and a law against burning the very symbol of community is not a lot to ask. □

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2nd Signal Bn. (Oct-Springfield, IL) Harold Dash, 615 Witherspoon (217) 546-5075

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708th/715th Amphib. Tank & Tractor Bns. (Sept-Akron, OH) Gene Grigalunas, 106th 28th St. N.W., Barberton, OH 44203 (216) 825-5357

748th MP Bn. (Oct-Las Vegas) Louis Duthoo, Box 1931, Fritch, TX 79036 (806) 857-3847

916th Medical Ambulance Co. (Oct-Middlesboro, KY) Thomas Massengill, Box 952, Middlesboro, KY 40965 (606) 248-4055

977th F.A. Bn. (Oct-Savannah, GA) Amelio Guerra, 260 Allen St., E. Longmeadow, MA 01028 (413) 525-7322

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CASU-F-20 (Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands) (Oct-New Orleans) Ben Mayrbat, 5065 Woodcrest Dr., Marrero, LA 70072 (504) 347-6830

DesRep-12 & ships, Recife, Brazil (WWII) (Dec-Miami) Sam Perlman, 85 Van Reypen St., Jersey City, NJ 07306 (201) 433-1234

Nat'l CPO Assn. (Including Coast Guard) (Oct-Corpus Christi, TX) W.C. Nolte, Rt. 6, Box 08251, Edgerton, OH 43517 (419) 298-3512

SNAG-56, USNBH-814 (ETO) (Dec-Albany, NY) Theodore Terr, Box 82, Lawyersville, NY 12113 (518) 234-3990

USN Armed Guard (Oct-Topeka, KS) Donald Gleason, 227 North Knox, Topeka, KS 66606 (913) 234-6087

USS Beatty (Sept-Mt. Pleasant, SC) Andrew Johnson, 370 Furman Ln., Ladson, SC 29456 (803) 797-0441

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USS Ralph Talbot DD-390/DesRon-4 ships (Oct-Salt Lake City, UT) Chick Korogi, 426 N. Orchard Dr., #2, N. Salt Lake City, UT 84054 (801) 295-8366

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USS Vammen DE-644 (Sept-Baltimore) Chester Pike, 4650 State Rt. 132, Batavia, OH 45103 (513) 732-1448

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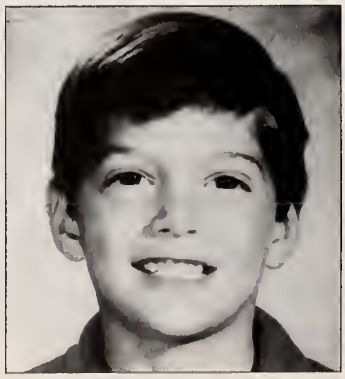
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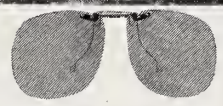
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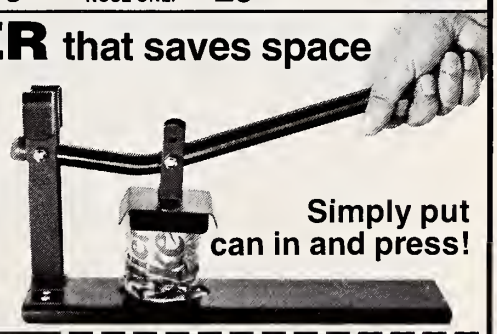
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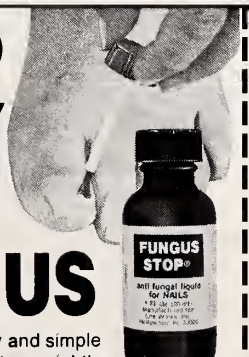
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THE American Legion Family Benefit Plan has added Eye Care Plan of America (ECPA) to its roster of discounted offerings for 3 million Legionnaires and their families.

The newest member to the plan offers savings of between 20 percent to 60 percent to members who purchase eyewear from one of the 4,000 providers in the ECPA network. Most Sears, Montgomery Ward, J.C. Penney and Royal Optical Centers house ECPA centers. For other independent locations, Legionnaires may call (800) 221-3272 for assistance.

"This newest addition to the Family Benefit Plan is a direct response from what our members have requested in getting more value for their dues," said Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling. "Many Legionnaires wear glasses and Eye Care Plan of America will help cut the cost of eyewear significantly. Best of all, there are no claim forms or paper work to be filled out."

Members may use their American Legion cards to purchase eyewear.

ECPA, a discount agency, is marketed and administered by First American Health Concepts (FAHC) Inc. The Mesa, Ariz., firm is the oldest and largest discount vision-care company in the United States. More than 85 percent of Americans reside within 20 minutes of a FAHC facility, company officials said.

"We're proud to be an official sponsor of The American Legion Family Benefit Plan," said J. Kent Massey, chairman and chief executive officer at FAHC. "We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the Legion."

Before ECPA, The American Legion Family Benefit Plan consisted solely of discount offerings primarily related to travel, Epling said. "This new offer truly expands the scope of our program in a most meaningful way."

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NETWORK OF CARE

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cated in writing they want to 'buy-in' to VVFAP," Stone said. "We have another eight more Departments who've expressed great interest in the program. The American Legion has spent about $105,000 in the four participating states. We feel it's a small price to pay."

As of March 1990, 500 families had been referred through VVFAP, and the numbers are growing daily. But there's more to be done. As John Mooney of the New York VVFAP said, "We can use all the help we can get." *Ken Scharnberg* □

UTAH RESPONDS

WHEN Utah NECman William E. Christoffersen and his fellow Legionnaires discovered grants were available from The Agent Orange Class Assistance Program, they approached the University of Utah, and together they applied for a grant. Their program differs markedly from The American Legion Vietnam Veterans Family Assistance Program, because it operates under the auspices of the university, not the Legion.

The Utah program also includes veterans living in Nevada, Wyoming and Arizona.

Christoffersen and the people from the university blanketed the four states with newspaper ads, news releases and personal contacts to reach the veteran population. As of April, 48 veteran families had been interviewed by the university specialists and directed to various agencies that might be able to offer them help for some of their problems. Of these families, 107 children were examined, and 69 of them were found to be suffering from birth defects such as spinal disorders, cleft palates and behavioral dysfunctions. Christoffersen said the program statistics represented only the first quarter report. "A portfolio of confidential records, physical, emotional and economic problems is building rapidly. Best of all, veterans and their families are receiving the help they so desperately need."

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DEMOCRACY

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profit group that assisted the Hawaiians and has counseled other citizens' groups on issues that cover the spectrum of American politics.

"But there is an entirely different level at which Americans have been active," said Pertschuk. "And you can see the level of activity rising. Alexis De Tocqueville recognized this quality of citizen involvement in voluntary associations as a particular characteristic of American society. And it is one that those in Europe, Eastern Europe, even in Asia admire and want to emulate now."

Pertschuk said many normally reluctant citizens are getting involved at some level of activism over issues such as excessive taxes, the threat to their community by pollution or overdevelopment, affronts to their personal safety and health, and on moral issues such as abortion. "Americans, unlike people in most other countries, really do believe you can fight city hall," said Pertschuk, "and they do it."

One of Pertschuk's favorite stories about outraged citizens taking action involves the 1987 nomination of Judge Robert Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court. Pertschuk chronicled the weeks preceding that vote in his book, *The People Rising.* He said this incident in many ways epitomizes American citizens reinvigorating democracy.

"Citizens on both sides of that issue were activated—the right in support of Bork, the left against him," he said. "People were fighting for issues that went beyond their pocketbook, a real belief in what America should mean. That campaign is a wonderful example of people energized by a vision of democracy."

Last year in Spokane, Wash., residents waged a knock-down political fight against a city council determined to build a multimillion dollar incinerator near the airport. When residents petitioned to put the issue to the voters, the city council spent tax dollars to sue the citizens and block the issue from the ballot. Ironically, the case jacket read, *"The City of Spokane v. The Voters of Spokane."*

"How ironic that you could get more democracy in Bulgaria than in Spokane, Wash.," said Will Collette, the organizing director of the Citizen Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste in Arlington, Va. He too has witnessed the emergence of public citizenry.

"Thousands of citizens in mostly small towns across the country are battling big businesses who are dumping toxic wastes in their neighborhoods," he said. "People are just tired of being pushed around. People are seeing they can affect change in their lives and get some control back."

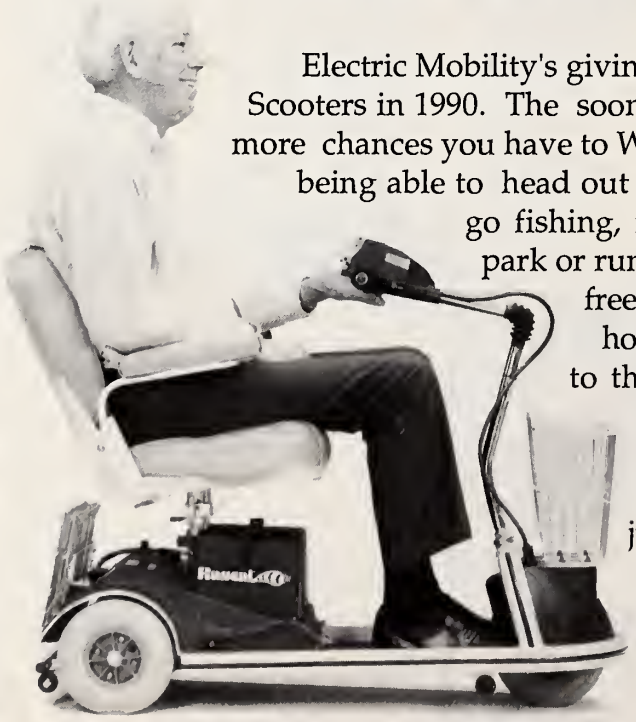
In a survey earlier this year of citizens nationwide fighting against some sort of pollution threat in their communities, Collette found that the vast majority of 6,306 active volunteer groups, average membership 300 to 400, were typically located in working-class neighborhoods. "Seventy-five percent of them are led by women who've never done this sort of thing before," he said. "And we're seeing people and organizations spring up in unbelieveable places. Our strongest part of the country is the Deep South."

The reason? Collette has no doubt about that. "People are just tired of being pushed around," he said. "Sometimes they behave in a way that gets described as apathy. But if you give people an opportunity to act with reasonable expectations of success, they will act." □

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We then help them analyze the answers to determine who will be biased against their client."

Trial consultants also help lawyers prepare for trial by conducting opinion polls, both to ascertain general public attitudes about the issues or parties in a case and to provide a profile of the ideal juror. Patterson, for example, recently did a survey in a case where homeowners were suing a manufacturing company that had deposited radioactive waste in a landfill.

"The lawyer who hired me had been prepared to argue that this type of radiation wasn't dangerous," said Patterson. "But our poll indicated that people believed the radiation to be dangerous, regardless. So he restructured his theory of the case to say: 'We all know radiation is dangerous. We're going to show why under the specific circumstances of this case, it wasn't dangerous.' He won the case."

Such polls are often used in criminal cases for change-of-venue motions, when the defense attorney believes his client won't be able to get a fair trial in the particular locale.

The opinion surveys also provide attitudinal and demographic data about which jurors will be favorable or unfavorable to the lawyer's case. For example, Drucker said that if he has a peremptory challenge left, he "won't buck the survey if it says a certain juror is likely to vote against my client—even if my instinct is otherwise." But he questions whether a telephone survey that presents a complex case in five minutes can provide reliable information.

Robert MacCoun, a behavioral psychologist at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, Calif., who has studied jury behavior, agrees. "There is very little empirical research to support the notion that you can scientifically select a jury. By and large, you don't improve your ability to predict how a jury will vote by knowing the demographic characteristics of its members."

Once a jury has deliberated and voted in a case, however, many lawyers have found post-trial interviews of jurors by trial consultants helpful in determining why they came to their conclusions. "For law firms that have a certain amount of repeat business, knowing why the jurors voted as they did can be extremely helpful when they try a similar case," said Lunsford.

Varinsky cited another use for post-trial interviews. In a recent murder case in California, a mistrial was declared in the guilt phase of the trial because of a hung jury. After the trial, Varinsky interviewed all of the jurors—the vote had been 11-1 to convict with the same tally in favor of the death penalty—and determined that the lone person who had held out did so for reasons that had nothing to do with the strength of the arguments for the state's case. Thus, the conclusion was that a retrial would almost certainly result in a conviction and the imposition of the death sentence. "We talked the client into accepting a sentence of life without parole and probably saved his life," said Varinsky.

Clients and their lawyers agree that trial consultants have proved to be an invaluable tool in the litigation process. Because there are so many variables involved, it's difficult to determine whether they will actually help you win or lose a case. But the real question, said Lunsford, "is not whether they helped you win, but whether, with their aid, the lawyer did his very best job." □


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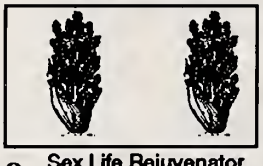

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MUSEUM

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Museum displays and programs change regularly. According to Quarstein, the museum will soon display items from the Grenada invasion and items from the Panamanian operation are also expected to be on display.

Post 25 Commander George De Shazor, a member of the museum's board, said, "The museum's charter requires that at least two members of the board be members of Post 25."

The museum operates a series of programs on military history through its massive archives. There are also special programs for children.

"Kids learn about bravery and patriotism and what our country has done to defend freedom," Quarstein said. "We offer a number of educational programs. We call it our minds-on program, and teachers, parents and kids just love it," De Shazor said.

WHERE TO LOOK

THERE are a great many beautiful and interesting military museums spread out across the country. One source for more information on these facilities is *U.S. Military Museums, Historic Sites & Exhibits*, by Bryce D. Thompson. This guidebook can be purchased by writing Military Living Publications, P.O. Box 2347, Falls Church, VA 22042-0347. The telephone number is (703) 237-0203. It is available in hardback for $23.95 or $13.95 for paperback.

Virtually every aspect of the military and of war is addressed, including such unusual approaches as the museum's "Hollywood at War" series. Each weekend the museum theater presents movies ranging from John Wayne in *The Sands of Iwo Jima* to footage and lectures about the Holocaust. (The museum owns and displays a section of the wall from Dachau.) The exhibit has proven so popular, an enlarged theater area is part of the expansion plans, as is enlarged classroom space.

During the next five years, the museum plans to offer special exhibits commemorating the 50th Anniversary of World War II.

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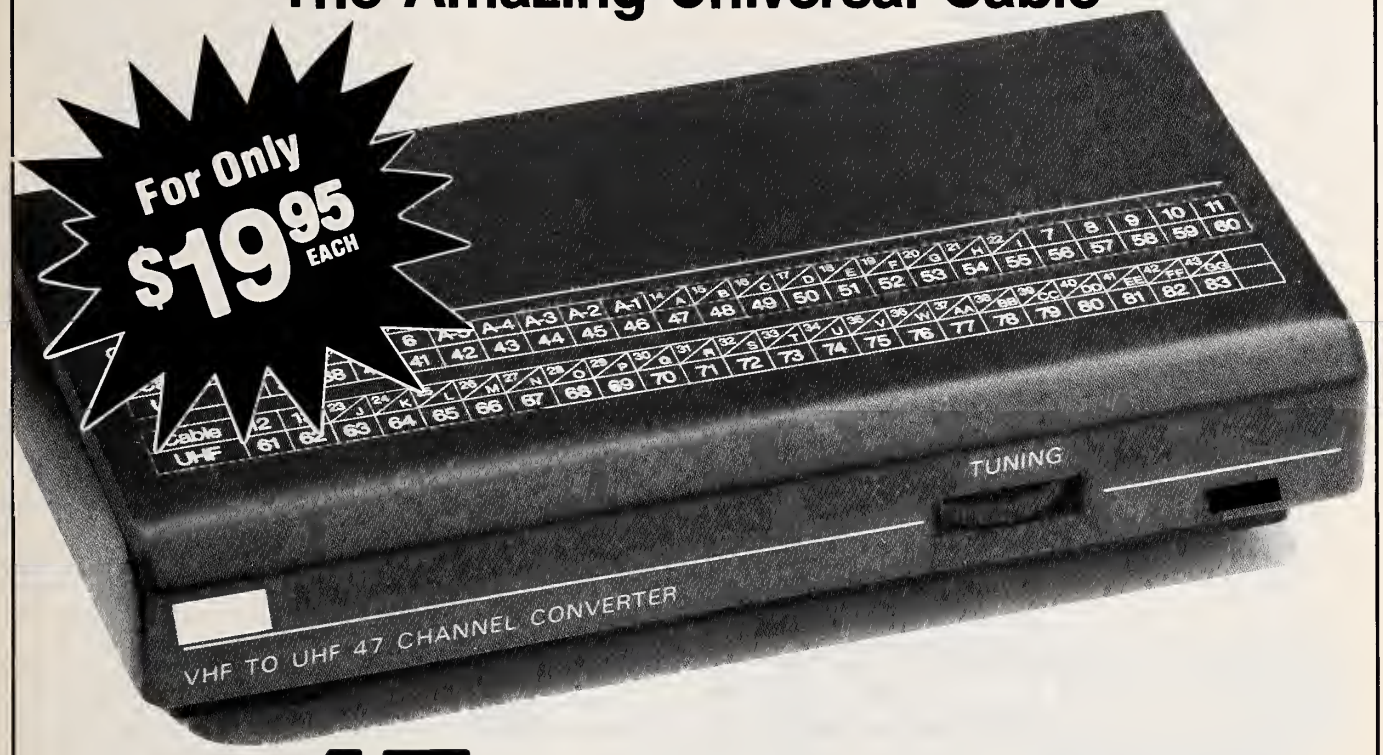
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EDUCATION

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The National Science Foundation reports the number of science majors in U.S. colleges and universities has now hit an all-time low. Less than 1 percent of freshmen today are majoring in math and less than 6 percent are enrolled as science majors. In the past six years, the number of students pursuing careers in engineering has plummeted by one-third.

Where will we get the estimated 2.4 million new chemists, biologists, physicists, engineers and other specialists the Department of Education says we'll need by 2000 to maintain our competitive position with other countries?

With fewer scientists in the pipeline, the outlook is grim. If swift action is not taken, warns the National Science Foundation, the United States faces a grave, long-term national threat.

Clarence Hall Jr., dean of physical sciences at UCLA, said that unless something is done "it is obvious that the nation's economic standard will follow those of the test scores." With the problem at crisis stage, public and private agencies are finally facing the trends and seeking answers.

A national agenda for education reform is at last on the drawing board. Just last February, the administration, after a landmark conference in Washington, D.C., joined with the country's governors in setting six national goals to be achieved by 2000:

1. All children will start school ready to learn.
2. High school dropout rates will be slashed so that 90 percent will graduate.
3. Students in grades 4, 8 and 12 must pass nationwide tests to make sure they can handle English, science, math, history and geography.
4. U.S. students will become No. 1 in the world in math and in science.
5. Every American will be literate.
6. All schools will be free of drugs and violence.

It was the first time Washington observers could remember the nation's governors and the White House in agreement on any issue. But how would this "new era of educational reform," as President George Bush called it, be achieved? The governors didn't go home with a blueprint to attain these monumental goals, nor did the conference answer the question of how to pay for the projects.

Experts, led by Cavazos, declare that nothing less than a restructuring of the elementary and secondary school system is necessary. This overhaul should include these major steps:

- Students should not be restricted to attend schools only in their communities but have the freedom to choose the best one to help them learn. This freedom of choice, Cavazos said, will spur competition among schools to be best to attract students.
- All communities must set higher standards of academic achievement and behavior. Educators agree that our students are not challenged.
- Schools must recruit better teachers and pay them accordingly, and institute programs of more and better job training, including internships.
- Because of the acute shortage of qualified science and math teachers, schools should allow certification of persons who lack formal teacher-training education, but possess special knowledge in their fields.
- Parents must play a leading role. They must take a no-nonsense approach and see to it that their children go to school regularly, do assigned work, respect their teachers and encourage learning any way they can in the home.

Finding money to pay for school reform won't be easy, but we have little choice. In too many schools, outdated equipment is being used to teach science. One high school uses a 30-year-old table of 103 chemical elements, even though six others have been discovered since then. How prepared can these students be in chemistry? This year, less than half the funds are being budgeted for scientific education than was the case in the late 1950s.

When budgets are drawn, the federal government and the states must choose their priorities. Education must rank at or near the top.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

The U.S. Department of Education recently found that 35 percent of 17 year olds were unable to write acceptable job application letters. In standardized science tests, high school students rated 14th out of 17 countries. Secretary of Education Lauro F. Cavazos said, "The reading and writing skills of American students remain dreadfully inadequate." THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE would like your opinion on the question: Would a national standard curriculum benefit U.S. students? Send your letters to OPINIONS, THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

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Steps are being taken around the nation to cure the ailing schools. By far, the most productive is a unique program called "education partnerships" in which local communities, civic organizations, businesses and schools join forces to meet the challenges.

- In Cleveland, a scholarship fund has been established by industrialists to help outstanding high school graduates pay their college costs.
- In Rochester, N.Y., the Brainpower Program created by the business community has a summer jobs program and offers training for teachers.
- In Hartford, Conn., the Travelers Companies helped develop a special curriculum for kindergarteners who require special aid for first grade.
- RJR Nabisco, the tobacco and food company, will award grants totaling $30 million to 60 schools in Washington, D.C., North Carolina and New Jersey to upgrade their systems.

Another solution is to lengthen the school year. With a 10- to 12-week summer vacation and other holidays, children attend school 180 days. In contrast, South Korean kids have a 210-day school year, which includes a half day on Saturday and a much shorter summer holiday. Japanese students also put in a half day on Saturday and log 195 days in school each year.

A few communities are moving toward the longer year. In New Orleans, for example, the Moton and Lockett Elementary schools have become the first in the nation to be open on a year-long basis, and other communities are mulling over the idea of following suit.

Declared Dwight McKenna, a New Orleans school board member, "The three-month summer vacation has no place in an urban school system. It's not a luxury anymore. It's an absolute evil."

The bottom line is only too clear: Education reform is not an option but a must, because America will pay a high price for mediocrity not too far down the road. □

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• *Other services:* Capitol Hill lawmakers have access to expensive services which would likely bankrupt most challengers. These services include radio and TV recording studios and satellite links; photographers who capture lawmakers meeting with constituents and at news events; news clipping services; and the resources of the Library of Congress. In addition, lawmakers can send constituents free low-cost publications, including calendars, high school debate books and surplus books from the Library of Congress.

All of these taxpayer-financed perks help lawmakers maintain high visibility back home. Total average cost to taxpayers for each representative's expenses: $941,569 per year, according to a report in *The Washington Times.*

These perks scare off many challengers. For example, 59 House incumbents—43 Democrats and 16 Republicans—had no major party opponent in 1988. The taxpayer-financed advantages are also in addition to another powerful office protection: money from PACs.

Donations from PACs, or special-interest money, have increasingly gone to incumbents. For example, in the 1986 election, three-quarters of all PAC contributions went to incumbents, up from 61 percent in 1978. According to a 1988 study by Ralph Nader's Congress Watch, the 59 incumbents running essentially unopposed in 1988 raised more than $7.3 million from PACs by June.

There's only one reason for PACs donating money to unopposed incumbents, and it has little to do with the electoral process.

"This report makes it clear that special-interest PACs are giving money to gain access and influence with members of Congress," said Tom Tobin, author of the Congress Watch study.

The quest for access also helps explain donations from business PACs. Common sense tells you business PACs should tend to support GOP candidates, just as union PACs tend to support Democratic candidates. But the numbers belie that common sense.

In 1986, for example, 85 percent of corporate PAC contributions went to incumbents, up from 63 percent in 1978. Business PACs give to both parties, regardless of ideology. For instance, corporate PACs gave $12.5 million to House Democratic incumbents in 1986, and gave House Republican incumbents $11.4 million.

"As a group, business PACs remained far more interested in currying favor with the ruling faction than in promoting the free-market ideology the Republicans championed," wrote Brooks Jackson in *Honest Graft: Big Money and the American Political Process.*

Incumbents were quick to recognize and take advantage of the PACs' quest for access. According to Jackson, the former head of the House Democrats' campaign arm, Rep. Tony Coelho of California, "had gone to more than 100 business groups with a single message: Democrats 'are going to retain control of the House for the remainder of this century... We have the advantage. We're the incumbents. They have to beat us.'"

Jackson also said PACs have given lawmakers two sets of people to answer to: the voters and the donors.

"Elections were held first in Washington by PACs and lobbyists who voted with dollars, and it was only later in the home districts that voters cast real ballots. Incumbents could win PAC elections so decisively as to remove voters from the process entirely," Jackson said.

This powerful incumbent-protection system, built on politics and money, has helped to effectively remove voters from the process. For instance, average voter turnout in presidential elections from 1932 to 1986 has been 57 percent. But in congressional elections during the same time, turnout has averaged just 46 percent. And during off-presidential election years, an average of only 39 percent voted.

Is this set of incumbent protections necessarily bad? Supporters of the system maintain that high re-election rates provide continuity, experience and stability to the legislative branch.

Critics counter that the high re-election rates reflect the advantages incum-

bents enjoy, not any sort of public approval of the experience and stability of Congress.

"I'd feel better if it were a level playing field," said Larry Sabato, professor of government at the University of Virginia. "If it were a fair game, then high re-election rates would say the public approves of what Congress is doing, but I don't think the public necessarily approves.

The uneven playing field between incumbents and challengers has prompted several proposed solutions, including changing campaign finance laws, limiting congressional terms and ending taxpayer subsidies of congressional perks. These proposals are controversial and would require passage by the very incumbents they would target. But these incumbents are getting the message that change is needed.

For example, both houses of Congress are considering campaign finance reform proposals to reduce the role of PACs. Bipartisan negotiations this spring produced proposals which place spending limits on campaigns. These proposals would also limit the amount PACs can donate to any candidate and restrict the amount of money raised from outside the contested district or state, but encourage donations from constituents.

While these proposals emphasize the value of raising money from the people who will ultimately vote in the election, the reform proposals will do a lot less than their advocates suggest, according to Sabato, who was a member of a commission that designed the Senate proposals. For instance, a spending limit helps incumbents because it forces challengers to spend less, too.

Reductions in mailing privileges, however, suggest that such reforms in the area of "freebies" are becoming possible. Last summer, Sen. Pete Wilson of California led congressional efforts to restrict the number of mass mailings. Ironically, Wilson is running for governor of California and thus would have stood to benefit a great deal from mass mailings. Still, efforts to reduce funding for committee staffs, official expenses and other related congressional perks have been routinely defeated.

The defeats of these reforms have led some lawmakers to call for limiting the number of terms members of Congress may serve. For example, Rep. Bill McCollum of Florida has introduced such legislation and it has attracted 11 co-sponsors.

"Term limitation would provide a climate which would encourage more talented, patriotic men and women to run for Congress because they could reach a position of significant influence in a short time and leave, instead of having to make a career to really play a major role in Congress," McCollum told a political action conference in Washington. "Citizen legislators would come to government briefly, then would return to private life to live with the consequences of the laws they had passed.

In addition, a bipartisan group of former members of Congress has formed a lobbying outfit, Americans to Limit Congressional Terms, to help promote such legislation.

Limiting congressional terms, however, requires amending the Constitution with three-fourths of the states ratifying the amendment. Congress so far has not acted on such an amendment, but the Utah and South Dakota state legislatures have passed resolutions calling for a constitutional convention to limit terms. However, such a constitutional approach could take years.

Changing campaign finance laws, ending taxpayer subsidies of congressional perks, or amending the Constitution to limit congressional terms are all proposals born out of frustration over the current incumbent-protection system. Whether any or all get passed, one thing is certain: Restoring the House of Representatives to a people's body as envisioned by the founding fathers will require one thing—decisive and persistent action by "We, the people." □

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regulations. The smart money, however, goes beyond. "If you build a plant that just squeaks past the regulatory standards now, you'll have to pay much more money down the line," said Lester Lave, a professor of public policy and engineering at Carnegie-Mellon University Business School in Pittsburgh.

An official from Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing (3M) concurs. "Regulations are about to overwhelm us," said its vice president for environmental engineering and pollution control, Robert Bringer. "The only way we see to deal with that is to reduce the number of materials we emit that trigger regulation."

Production of 3M's coated products, such as "Post Its" and its videotape, once released significant pollution. By recycling solvents that went into the atmosphere and replacing volatile solvents with water-based ones, the company has cut the need for expensive pollution-control equipment.

Innovative companies not only reduce the volume of material sent into the air, but also to disposal sites, where fees are soaring. These practices also make better use of resources. Simply consider the name of the companywide Chevron Corp. project, Save Money and Reduce Toxics (SMART), which has cut the petrochemical firm's hazardous waste disposal by more than 60 percent since 1986.

Dealing with toxics and even plain old garbage has become extremely profitable. Waste Management of North America, with 1989 revenues of $4.5 billion and profits of $562 million, is the nation's top garbage hauler and landfill operator, serving 7.6 million American homes. Although a target of environmentalists—who have accused Waste Management of a number of environmental transgressions—the company has also quietly become the nation's leading recycler.

Waste Management serves 1.2 million homes with a curbside pickup program that gathers aluminum, glass, newspapers and plastic. The sideline isn't yet profitable, but offers growth. "The enthusiasm out there for recycling is overwhelming. People do feel they can make a difference," said Waste Management Chairman Dean L. Buntrock.

This enthusiasm and a developing market for recycled materials create business opportunities. Edwin Hafner, president of Hafner Industries in New Haven, Conn., has spent 20 years to develop and secure funding for a process to recycle polyvinylchloride (PVC) and other plastics. "I can recycle PVC into a quality that's exactly as good as virgin for 20 percent of the energy cost of creating new PVC," said Hafner.

In *The Environmental Factor,* Silverstein notes that 2,500 manufacturers now make environmentally oriented products and equipment, and more than 3,000 firms offer environmental consulting services. Wall Street closely follows the stocks of about 80 firms in the field. Revenue growth rates of the larger environmental service companies exceed 20 percent annually, with a number of them logging from 40 percent to 80 percent revenue jumps.

Aside from recommending investments in service companies, securities analysts also are giving increasing weight to a company's environmental performance when judging the potential of its stock. A firm that isn't taking strong action to reduce pollution may be profitable today, but carries liabilities for future profits.

And consumer groups can control these profits. For example, today there are "green" mutual funds which make investment decisions in large part based on companies' environmental and social practices. The Franklin Research & Development Corporation of Boston, and Maryland's Calvert Social Investment Fund avoid investing money in firms with poor environmental track records.

The environmental emphasis also is paving the way for other businesses, especially in the alternate energy field. After a decade of disappointment, wind farms—perhaps the most environmentally benign form of electrical generation—are today healthy enterprises, attracting investment capital from even conservative Wall Street firms.

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Schools are training students for the burgeoning environmental workforce, skills that businesses need, and increasingly demand, of new hires. More than 700 universities now have environmental programs, and many conventional chemical and mechanical engineering programs have greater environmental emphases.

Products that project an element of environmental friendliness are favored by consumers. In a number of surveys, consumers indicate they're willing to pay up to 5 percent more for packages made of recycled material or are recyclical, or will degrade.

Recognizing this trend, Procter & Gamble has started a drive to reduce the amount of plastic used in its packages. For example, its bottles of Crisco Oil now hold the same amount of oil, but in 28 percent less plastic.

The company is promoting concentrated products—which gives more product bang for less packaging—in what are called "enviro-paks." It has developed a line of "multifunction" products, such as Tide laundry detergent with bleach, so consumers buy one package instead of two. It's also test-marketing a number of cleaners and fabric softeners in recycled plastic.

This is just the kind of "green" product that Wal-Mart Stores, the $16 billion retailing giant, is now commending to its customers. In an ambitious program, the company is asking its suppliers to make environmental improvements in products and packages, which Wal-Mart then highlights in its stores.

Environmentalism has become a national fervor. As one Rutgers professor wrote: "Our society has reached a new consensus that pollution is morally wrong—not just harmful or dangerous—but wrong."

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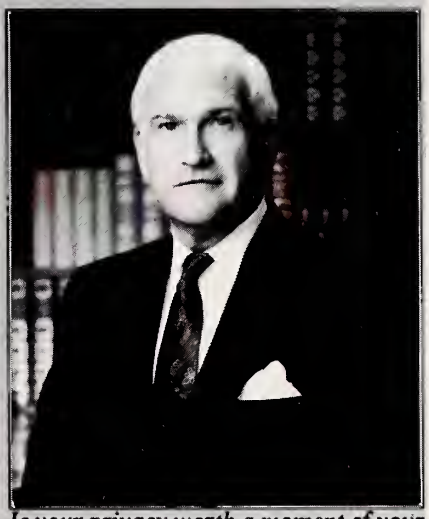
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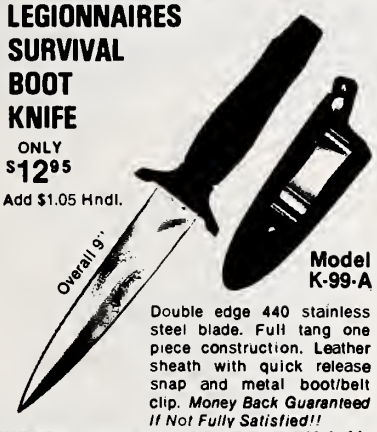
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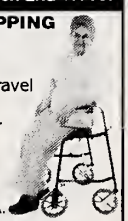
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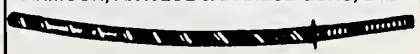
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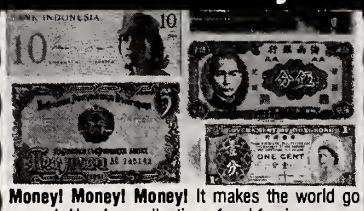
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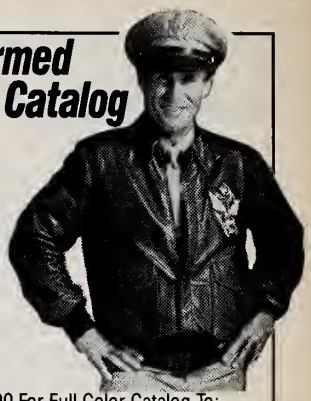
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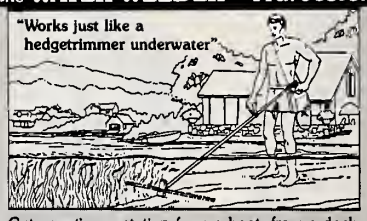
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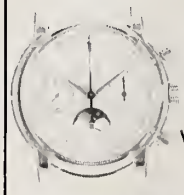
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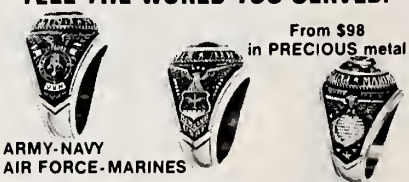
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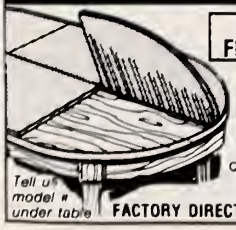
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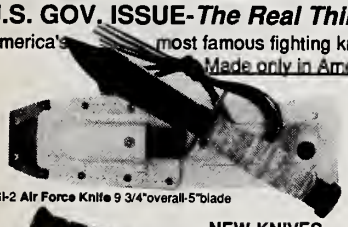
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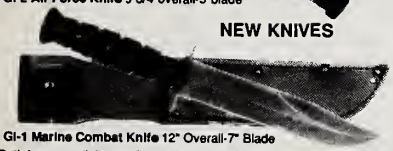
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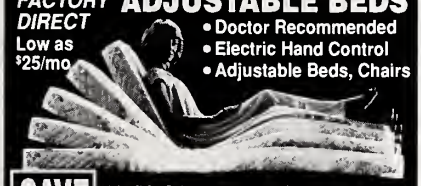


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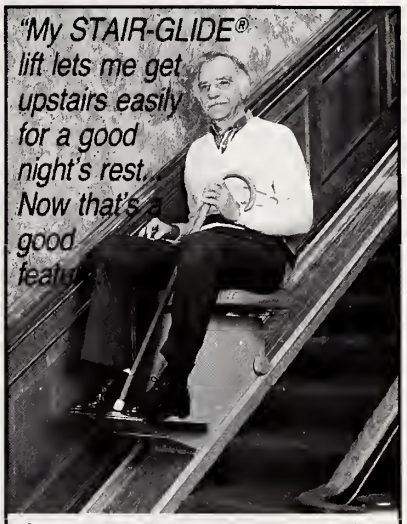
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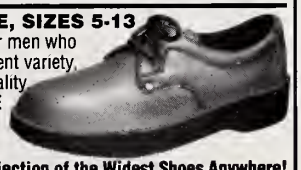
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If life is a parade, some people must feel like they've been run over by a float.

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"When I go on vacation," said Barney, "I don't make any decisions. The boss tells me when, the wife tells me where, and the bankbook tells me how long."

Food Fact

Yogurt was invented in 1647, but it wasn't until 1911 that people realized it was edible.

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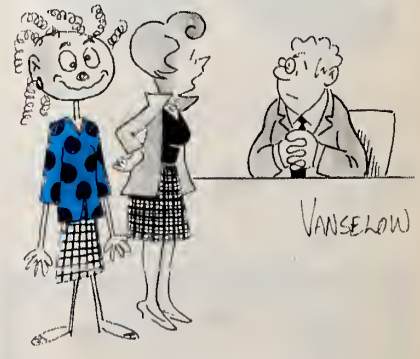
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